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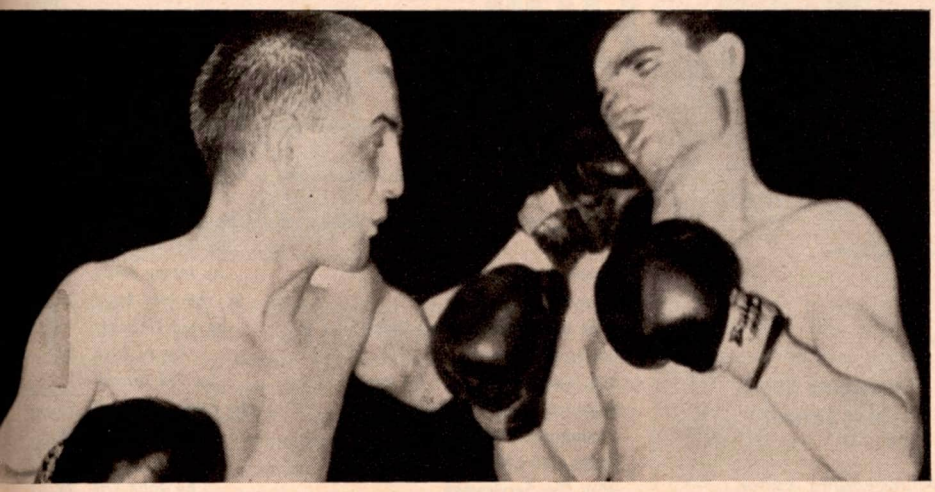


Johnny Caldwell of Belfast, (left) outpointed Alphonse Halimi of Algeria in fifteen rounds for the European version of the world bantamweight championship. His damaging left played a big part in decision.

By JOHNNY SHARPE

LONDON—With a pair of Irish boxers involved, two stunning developments over one brief weekend have given an entirely new complexion to the controversy over the rightful world bantamweight champion.

While Eder Jofre of Brazil is recognized as champion by The Ring, the National Boxing Association of the U.S.A. and the South American Boxing Federation, the British Boxing Board of Control and the European Boxing Federation had given its official blessing to Alphonse Halimi after the French-Algerian edged out Freddie Gilroy, holder of the British and European titles, in London.

Efforts to match Jofre with Halimi had been fruitless. The Algerian's managers demanded far more money than American or Brazilian promoters were willing to pay. Jofre, eager to establish a clear claim to the championship, was willing to meet any other worthwhile challenger. When Halimi declined an offer to meet Jofre, for which he was guaranteed $50,000 tax free, full expenses and permission to have him name two judges, Europe's No. 3 bantamweight, Piero Rollo, was approached. The terms offered were agreeable to him, and he met Jofre in Rio de Janiero. Jofre stopped him in the tenth round.

Britain and Europe, however, refused to recognize the match as for the title though the Italian Federation had granted consent for the match. The B.B.B. of C. and the E.B.U. still inisted that Halimi was their champion, with Gilroy next in line. That's where matters stood until the recent weekend.

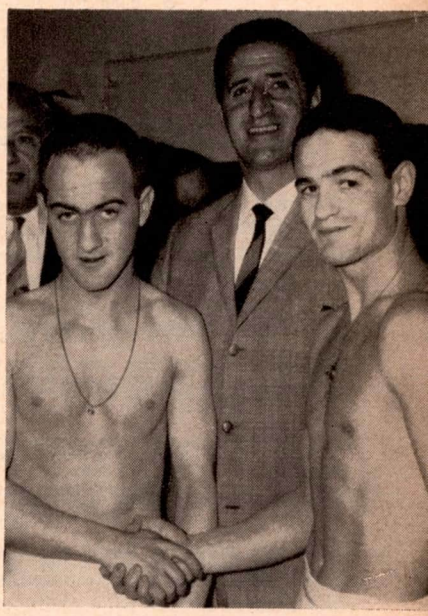
Now both Halimi and Gilroy have been completely eliminated from any further discussions concerning the world championship. Gilroy was knocked out by the Belgian veteran, Pierre Cossemyns, in Brussels, and Halimi was decisively beaten by young Johnny Caldwell in London's Wembley Stadium.

Although London promoter Jack Solomons has announced the probability of a return match between Caldwell and Halimi within the next few months, a more logical bout and far better attraction now would be Caldwell vs. Jofre. Although an Irishman, 23-year-old Johnny is a popular favorite in the English metropolis, and a bout between him and Jofre to settle the bantamweight championship argument would be a tremendous attraction for Solomons.

What made Caldwell's crushing victory over Halimi all the more sensational was that it was Johnny's first start as a bantamweight. Unbeaten as a flyweight, and holder of the British title, the little Belfast lad had scored 21 consecutive victories since turning professional in 1958. Among his triumphs had been a one-sided decision in a non-title bout over the European champion, Risto Luukkonen of Finland, and a quick knockout of former champion Young Martin of Spain.

When the match with Halimi was arranged, most of the authorities felt the experienced French-Algerian would be too heavy and strong for Caldwell. As it turned out, Johnny was heavier than expected. He built himself up to a solid 116½ pounds while Halimi came in at a surprisingly low 117½.

The bout was an exciting one all the way. There was little to choose between the rivals in the early rounds but Caldwell opened a gash above Halimi's *(Continued on page 66)*



Caldwell (left) shakes hands with Halimi in Jack Solomon's London, England, Gymnasium, the afternoon of the fight held at Wembley's Empire Pool. Referee Ben Brill stands between the lads and off to the left can be seen Promoter Solomons.

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

The Ring Editor and Chief, Nat Fleischer, is off on a trip around the world to check into boxing and cover two world championship contests for our readers. He will report on the flyweight title match, taking place in Tokyo, Japan, where Pone Kingpetch will risk his laurels against Mitsunori Seki. Mr. Fleischer will then travel to London, England, where he will cover for Ring readers the middleweight championship fight in which Paul Pender will give Terry Downes a second chance at his middleweight crown.

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There will be the usual complete coverage of results around the world in boxing and wrestling, with reports on everything fistic.

The wrestling section will include features on your favorite grapplers.

The Ring Detective will be back to bring you the Ike Williams story . . . the yarn about the man who told a Senate committee that he had been offered money to throw fights.

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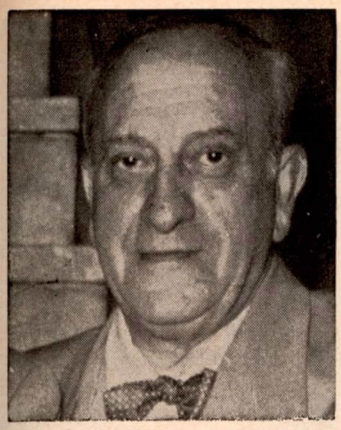


NAT FLEISCHER

Says

THE DEATH of Harry Campbell, San Jose College sophomore, following his bout with Al Medrano of Sacramento in the Kezar Pavilion ring of San Francisco, coming so close after the death of Walter Mohr, University of Wisconsin boxer, makes us wonder what more can be done for the protection of those who participate in the gloves sport.

Every possible precaution was taken in the Campbell-Medrano match as was taken in the bout a year ago in which Mohr lost his life in the inter-collegiate championships. In each case, the verdict of the coroner indicated that a brain condition existed prior to the bout that was the cause of the fatality and not the punches received in the bout.

Campbell, 5 feet 8 inches tall and scaling 136 pounds, as an amateur won many laurels. He was a member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team in which he was eliminated in the quarter finals, but even in defeat, he and Cassius Clay were dubbed our best professional prospects. As a pro he had only five fights of which he won four by knockouts and one by decision.

I recall an interview I had with him in Rome in which after his defeat by Sandro Lopopolo, the most popular entrant among the Italians, he remarked:

"It was the hard right to my head in the second round that had me partially dazed in the final round."

He lost the bout by a vote of four to one. He was also a member of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic team. He was so upset over the loss to Popopolo that he cried in his dressing room.

"I think that after the games I might turn professional. Do you think I'll be too old to continue as an amateur and try for the Japanese Olympic Games?"

I don't think you'll be too old at 26, now that you've had two tries at the Olympic gold medal, I replied. But when he returned to America, the lure was too great and like Clay and several others who were members of the Rome boxing group, particularly the Italians—all of whom turned professionals, Campbell decided to throw his lot with the money chasers. And after only five bouts, the Grim Reaper called a halt to the slim, young Negro lightweight's career in the sixth bout.

Undoubtedly the blows received in the Medrano fight—even light ones as Medrano asserts—added to whatever previous injuries Campbell's brain has sustained as an intercollegiate and pro fighter and as a paratrooper. Harry made 27 jumps as a member of Fort Campbell's Paratrooper Corps.

Julie Menendez, San Jose and Olympic Coach, discovered Campbell at the Pan-American Games in 1959. Though San Jose abandoned intercollegiate boxing, Menendez took a deep interest in Harry's career and when he turned pro, Julie decided to second him in his fights. Harry was a good puncher and excellent boxer.

In his bout with Popopolo he had Italy's star on the ropes several times in the first and third rounds. One right to the Italian's mid-section in the final seconds of the bout doubled Popopolo in pain.

Before turning to the money chasing ranks, Campbell in an interview in California said:

"I know this is a dog-eat-dog business, but I've had 14 years of apprenticeship in boxing and I'm ready for the big effort. Of course the money is the big lure, but money is secondary. What I hope for, is to reach the top. Then the money end will take care of itself."

He never reached it. Death ended his hopes.

SENATOR KEFAUVER COMMISSION

On June 2, 3 and 4 Senator Kefauver and his committee on boxing racketeering held hearings on the bill to create a National Commissioner of Boxing. Whether Senator Kefauver succeeds in having his bill passed or not, he has made one point emphatic—he says *"It would be unconscionable to deny Sonny Liston, the Number One challenger, a crack at the world heavyweight title."*

In his opinion, win or lose, it is up to Patterson to defend against Sonny. Previous to the final hearings in which among others, the Ring Editor was invited to appear as an expert, the Tennessee Senator denounced Joseph "Pep" Barone as a front manager for underworld figures and declared that so long as Barone and his colleagues had any interest in Liston, the fighter should be banned from obtaining a shot at Floyd's crown.

But things changed after Sonny declared that he had ousted Barone and had accepted George Katz, a Philadelphia business man, as a ten percent representative. The Pennsylvania Commission accepted Katz and announced it would license both George and his fighter after which Senator Kefauver said:

"If my bill is enacted into law, the first act of the Commissioner of Boxing appointed by the Government, in my opinion should be to examine Mr. Liston's new management with a fine tooth comb, and if cleared, he should obtain a championship bout."

Thus, despite his past record in conflict with the law, every effort is being made to clear the path for Liston and pave the way for a world heavyweight championship match in which he can be the challenger.

But Liston again is on the warpath. Without his wholehearted support, nothing Senator Kefauver says or George Katz does, will gain public support for such a contest. Only two days after Senator Kefauver went all out to support his claim, Liston was arrested in Philadelphia for "corner lounging."

True the offense was not serious but Sonny again showed his animosity toward the police by daring the officer to arrest him. He was accommodated. That animosity has been displayed on previous occasions when he came in conflict with the minions of the law. In his latest jam, he was severely lectured by the magistrate and set free with a reprimand.

Such behavior, however won't get him the support he so badly needs. It will not enhance his chances for a world heavyweight championship fight, the one for which public interest is tops.

Liston must curb his temper. He must realize that law and order must not be flouted, no matter *(Continued on page 58)*

CELEBRITIES FOR BILL

By NAT FLEISCHER

Ring Editor Nat Fleischer giving his reasons to the Kefauver Senate Committee for favoring the bill to create a National Commissioner of Boxing. Nat also disputed Gene Tunney's claim that Johansson was suffering from a brain injury and was physically unfit in his last fight with Patterson.

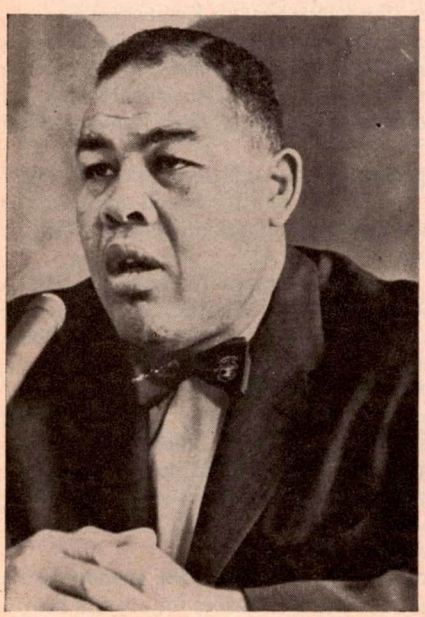
THE FINAL DISPOSITION of the Kefauver Bill to establish within the Department of Justice the office of National Boxing Commissioner for the purpose of curbing monopolistic control of professional boxing, is eagerly awaited by boxing enthusiasts. Regardless of the outcome, the consensus is that the hearings before the Senate Anti-Trust and Monopoly Committee in Washington definitely will bring about the elimination of much of the objectionable element that in the past few years has hampered boxing's progress. The extensive hearings that produced considerable evidence of a massive conspiracy between racketeers and top promoters to suppress competition and maintain control of major boxing contests and prominent boxers, enlightened the public to the abominable conditions existing in this national sport. At the public hearing in Washington, many past and present champions and newspaper reporters favored the bill.

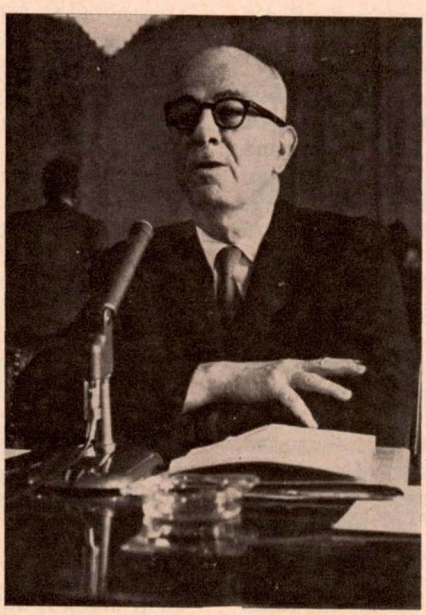
They paved the way for the introduction of new legislation in several states to curb the evil.

They opened the eyes of the various boxing commissions to their laxity in regulating the sport. The hearings brought to light the close association between certain of America's outstanding promoters and gangsters who took from the hands of commissions the rule of boxing, and who through threats, under-cover management, fixed fights, bribery and other illegal methods, became the "commanding officers."

Senator Kefauver's bill aims to aid the state commissions in their efforts to drive the unsavory characters out of boxing. Granted that the various commissions have sufficient power to have accomplished this aim without the need of a National Commissioner of Boxing, the fact remains that through skulduggery, incompetence, political pressure, and discriminatory favoritism, many of these state bodies were found wanting. Their lack of initiative permitted the chiselers, racketeers and hoodlums to make sufficient inroads into boxing to alienate public support and bring the sport down to a low level.

The likes of Carbo, Palermo, Genovese, Anastasia, among





Left Panel: Joe Louis, who testified that boxing was a disgrace as now carried on and that gangsters have taken a firm hold on the sport. He endorsed Senator Kefauver's bill. Center: General Melvin L. Krulewitch, chairman of the New York State Commission, who testified that although he favors the Kefauver bill, insofar as New York is concerned there is no gangster control of boxing in his state. Right Panel: Rocky Marciano, undefeated, retired world heavyweight king, in a thinking mood as he hesitated before answering a query put to him by one of the Senators in the Washington hearing. Rocky told the Senators he favored the bill to create a National Commissioner.

other of society's outlaws, could never have obtained the firm hold the hearings showed they had, were it not for the reluctant, but nevertheless effective cooperation of boxing's outstanding promoters as indicated by the latters' own testimony.

And what about the do-nothing commissions?

Let's examine some of the evidence produced at the Senate hearings. Let's take note of the manner in which the hoodlums were able to make inroads on one of the oldest sports in the world.

What about the commissioners who ridiculed investigations started by District Attorney Hogan of New York and the California State Athletic Commission?

What about the judgment of commissioners who brought to trial and threatened those who made accusations against gangsters, who instead of being shorn of their power, had it strengthened by having their accusers chastised publicly instead of the accused?

Ike Williams, a champion, was fined $500 by the Pennsylvania Commission for (failing to bring) to light (promptly) a proposed fix.

The hearings point to other such cases. When the commissions finally could find no out, they stumbled back to the old defense—*"We didn't have and still don't have sufficient funds to investigate."*

And in the case of leading promoters, they cleaned their skirts with, *"we inherited the conditions. We had to carry on with the mobsters or go out of business."*

It is interesting to note in the 1300 odd pages of testimony given to the investigating committee, that California was the only state in which the type of supervisory action expected of a boxing commission took place.

New York held an investigation and, after a few small fry managers were ousted, nothing further was done to cleanse the sport.

Likewise Pennsylvania, which revoked the license of Palermo, permitted other unsavory characters mentioned in the hearings to continue to work.

St. Louis and Illinois, two other major states, likewise were in the do-nothing category.

Those are a few of the many things brought to light by the hearings that should put some teeth into the regulation of boxing by State Athletic Commissions.

The evidence clearly shows though there always had been much ballyhoo on how the National Boxing Association intended to cleanse boxing and the speeches along that line of its leading officials annually received wide-spread publicity, little of consequence was accomplished.

The speeches were fine, but the action was nil—N.B.A. window dressing, nothing more.

So unlike the control of boxing throughout Europe by the excellent European Boxing Union!

Weird manipulations by promoters, matchmakers and boxers, astonishing testimony about the inner workings of the fixers and gangsters, fill the transcript of the hearings.

Public gullibility is brought into the spotlight as the finger is pointed at fixed matches in which Babe McCoy, Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo and Jake La Motta figured prominently. The Committee castigated Carbo and Palermo.

But strange indeed is the manner in which the Senate Committee so far has dismissed the acts of others, particularly commissioners, promoters and matchmakers without whose aid and connivance these characters couldn't possibly have operated! The Committee's final report will be awaited for further comment on this evidence produced at the hearings.

Truman Gibson, then in charge of boxing in the International Boxing Club owned by Jim Norris, testified that his organization knowingly dealt with Carbo and other mobsters because *"the I.B.C. was confronted with the facts of life and had to live with Carbo to maintain a free flow of fighters without interference."*

A lawyer of his high standing, a man who during World War Two acted as a legal advisor to the Truman administration, should have realized that no one has to perform an illegal or objectionable act unless he acts under compulsion or is indifferent to the moral code.

One complaint by him to District Attorney Hogan or to the Department of Justice would quickly have put an end to Mr. Carbo, a criminal arrested five times for murder and many times for other crimes.

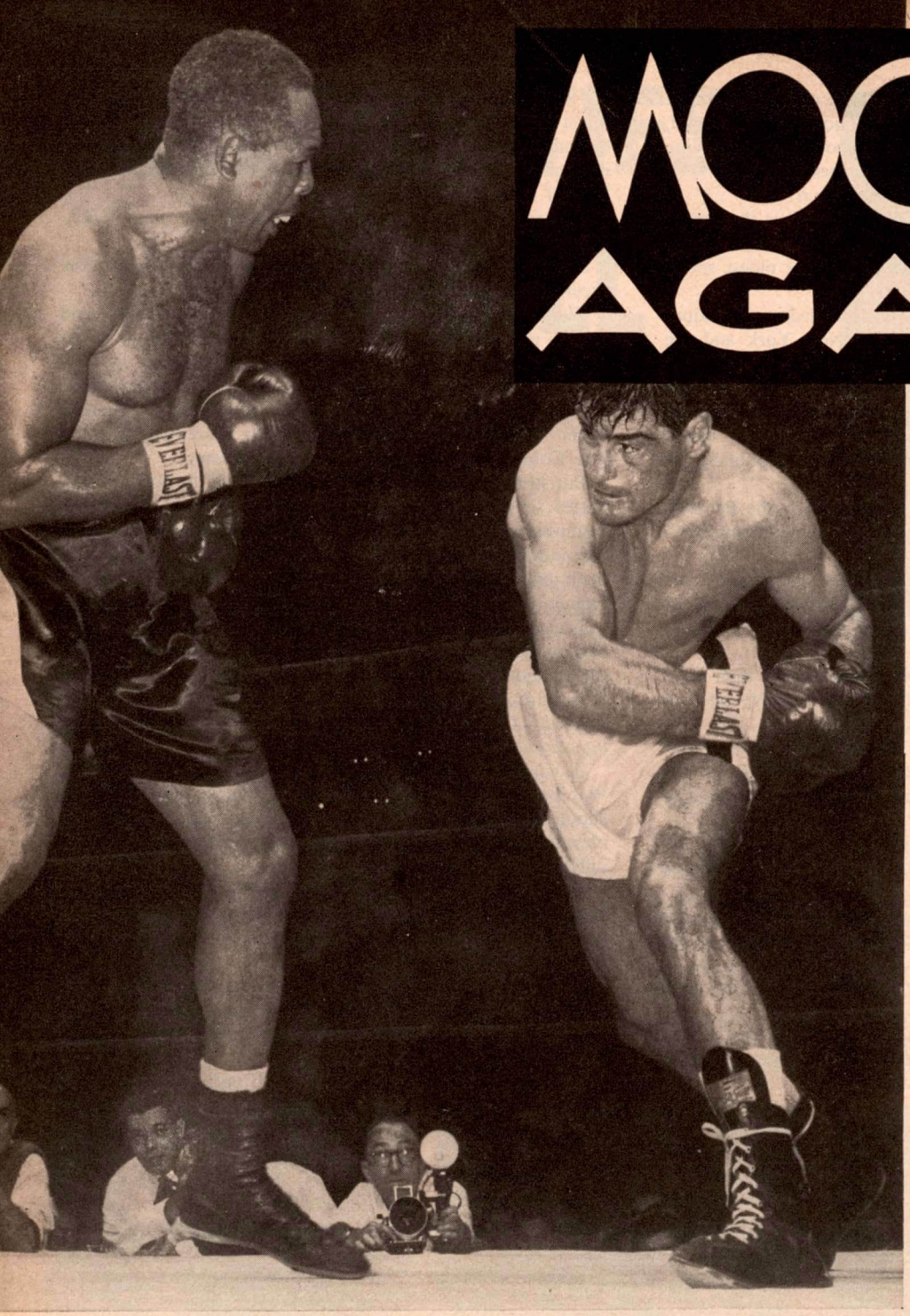
Yet Gibson and Norris sought and received Carbo's help!

What makes such influential citizens close their eyes to the dangers attached to such association with criminals in business ventures?

Is it greed? Is it the desire for *(Continued on page 42)*

Senator Estes Kefauver, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee investigating boxing, compares fists with Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey, two of several champions, past and present, who pleaded for the passage of the bill that will create a National Commissioner of Boxing.

MOORE AGAIN



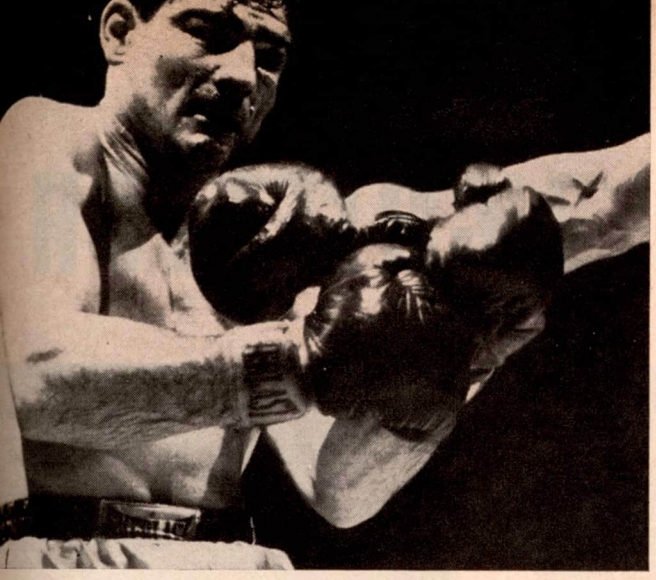
Light Heavyweight Title Retained By Archie Moore In Bout That Held Suspense But No Thrills

By NAT LOUBET

NEW YORK FANS, accustomed of late to seeing championship bouts on the television screen, had an opportunity to see one in person—their first in six months, since Benny Paret whipped Federico Thompson in a welterweight meeting—but it can truthfully be said they got little in the way of thrills and excitement out of Ageless Archie Moore's succesful defense of his light-heavyweight laurels against Giulio Rinaldi in Madison Square Garden.

Moore won, and by a fairly convincing margin, but he fought mainly from memory—and a guy can forget a lot of things when he's been around as long as Archie.

Moore did very little actual punching, but he used his vast experience to *"bull"* his way through. He was constantly



Rinaldi on the receiving end of one of Moore's right hands. The Italian had cuts over and under his eyes and a possible fractured nose as the bout continued.

threatening, and Rinaldi seemed too bewildered to do much about it.

Still, considering his advanced years—44 by his own count, 47 by his mother's—and the fact that he had to take off some 30-odd pounds in a month, Moore did remarkably well. Most of the authorities felt that Archie, to win, would have to do it quickly; that the longer the bout went the less the veteran's chances would be against a young, strong, ambitious challenger. That Moore could go the full fifteen rounds was, in itself, a notable accomplishment on Archie's part.

The bout held a strong appeal to the fans. For one thing, there was the always attractive *"international touch."* Rinaldi had beaten Moore in a non-title bout in Rome eight months before; he had Archie sagging wearily on the ropes when the tenth round ended. Would this championship bout finally bring Moore's long reign to an end? Eventually Archie would have to submit to the demands of Father Time. He'd already gone far beyond the normal span allotted even to exceptional fighters. Would this, finally, be the one time too many for him? From European reports of Rinaldi's prowess, it conceivably could be. The Italian had been undefeated in a year and a half. He had beaten most of the leading European light-heavyweights, as well as several prominent Americans, besides Moore. He was said to be strong, durable, rugged and a stiff puncher. Yes, he could very well be the one to put an end to Moore's remarkable ring career.

How strongly the match appealed to the public was evidenced by the unusually large turnout. Despite the competition of television, some 9,500 clients turned out for the match, and the gate receipts of $46,269 were the best recorded for a Garden boxing show in several years.

Rinaldi was a disappointment. He may have been awed by the momentous occasion—his first appearance in the United States, fighting in Madison Square Garden and for a world championship, against a cagey old campaigner like Moore—but whatever the reason or reasons, he failed to live up to his advance notices. The talent he displayed was little better than ordinary. He showed a poor left hand, a pair of fairly agile legs, and some ability to "take" a solid clout on the chin, but they hardly constituted sufficient equipment to beat Moore. In short he looked like a novice.

Rinaldi's best chance of success would have been to crowd Archie from the beginning, push and maul him around, bang away at his body, and give the Old Boy very little chance to relax. In time, those tactics might have worn Moore out.

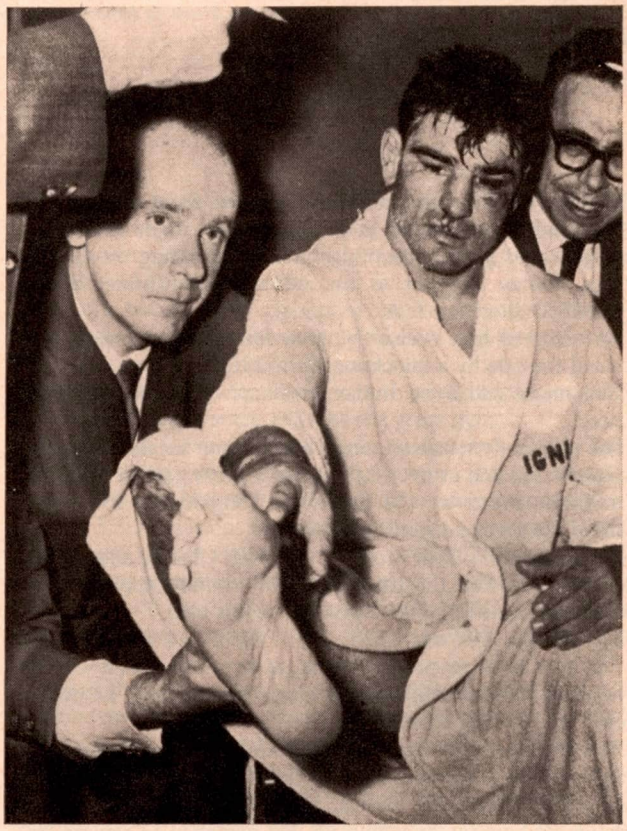
The Italian was overly cautious, tried to make a boxing bout out of the affair, and nothing could have suited Archie better. He was permitted to set his own pace, relax when he wanted, and occasionally erupt with a quick flurry of punches to remind Rinaldi that he still was champion. Most of the time, however, Moore merely bluffed his way, but Rinaldi had too much respect for him to do much more than scamper around the ring, poke out a harmless jab, then clinch. Moore had ample opportunity to get all the *"rest"* he needed.

Rinaldi was entirely too careful for a fighter bidding for a world championship. Even in the closing rounds, when Moore's weariness was evident to everybody. The Italian failed to gamble, despite the exhortations of his corner man, Steve Klaus, who pleaded with him to *"press Moore, throw punches, bull him, tire him out,"* the Italian continued to remain aloof, oblivious to his duties as a challenger fighting for a world championship. Rinaldi's main purpose seemed to be to last out the fifteen rounds.

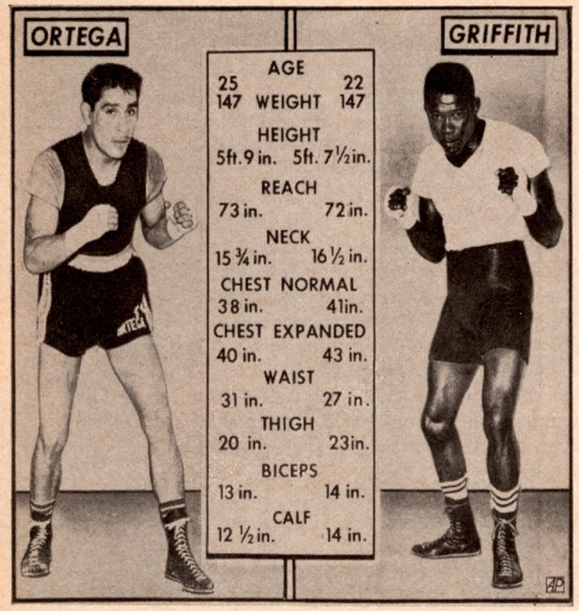
In this respect, the Italian did earn one distinction for himself. He was the first challenger, since Moore's series with Joey Maxim, to go the full championship distance with Archie. In title defenses since the Maxim episodes, Moore had, in succession, knocked out Harold Johnson and Bobo Olson in New York, Yolande Pompey in London, Tony Anthony in Los Angeles and Yvon Durelle (twice) in Montreal.

With television paying $150,000 for the bout, added to the $46,269 taken in at the box-office, the promotion was a success for the Garden. Moore was guaranteed $100,000, plus expenses, and Rinaldi $25,000, also plus expenses.

For Moore, in his quarter-century *(Continued on page 51)*



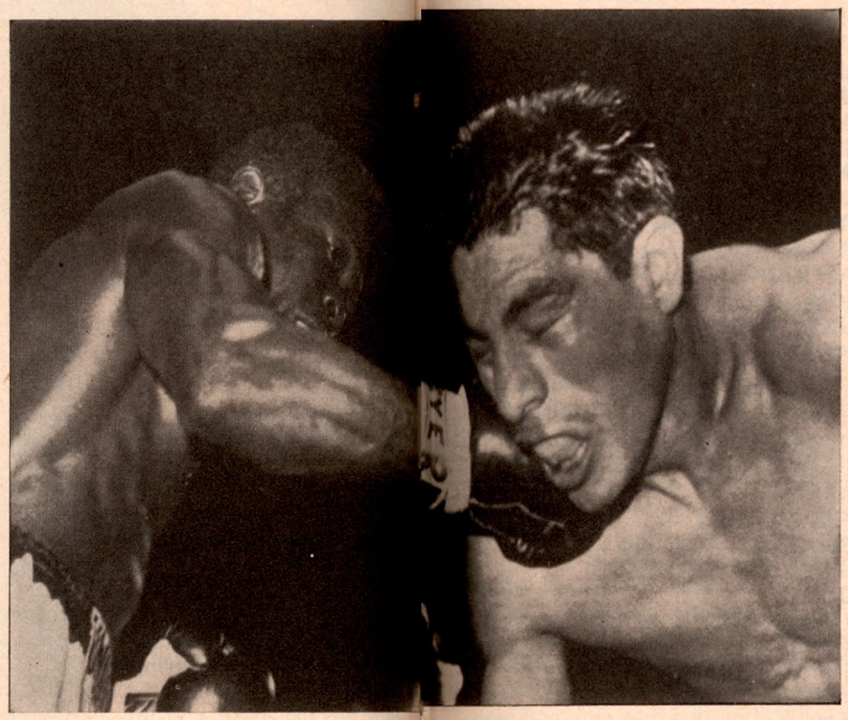
Rinaldi points to right foot which he claims bothered him during contest. He said, "If we had a rematch in Rome I would knock Moore out." Ringside observers would dispute these words.



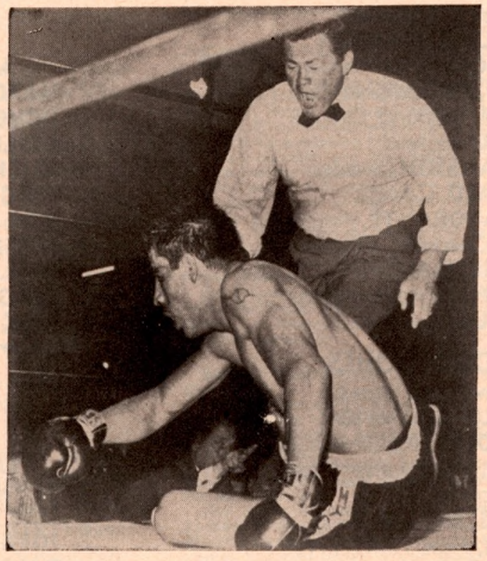
The boys shaped up even on the scales and on paper, but there was a big difference once the action got under way and Griffith gave Ortega a sound drubbing before stopping him.

GRIFFITH RULES THE ROOST

By BILL MILLER



Griffith (left) lands a powerful right to the jaw of Ortega seconds before referee Tommy Hart stopped the bout in the twelfth round. It was the first time in his career that Gaspar was knocked out and the second straight kayo for Emile in a championship match.



The challenger down for the second time in the seventh round, from a flurry of punches. Ortega was up at nine and on the verge of going down again when the bell came to his rescue. After this round it was only a matter of time before the finish.

Griffith's left which, won him the title against Paret, was the big punch in his victory over Ortega.

Emile Griffith, the militant milliner from the Virgin Islands, accustomed to trimming lace on ladies' headgear, did a neat job of trimming and lacing on Gaspar Ortega, Indian aspirant to the welterweight throne, at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A.

He trimmed him decisively, gave him a lethal lacing, and retained the title by a knockout in the 12th round.

You might call it an Indian massacre. El Indio was massacreed.

The nationally televised scrap, blacked out locally, attracted a crowd estimated at over 8,000, and a gross gate of $52,739. In addition, Promoter Cal Eaton got $60,000 for TV rights. More of the financial statistics anon.

It was Griffith's 26th pro fight, his 24th victory, and his 9th knockout. He won the title by a 13th round knockout over Benny Paret in Miami on April 1st of this year.

For Ortega, this was his 83rd pro fight, and the first time he had ever been stopped. In defeat, as devastating as it was, he gave an impressive exhibition of intestinal fortitude, known as "guts" by Harvard students.

Actually, the fight was over in Round 7, when Ortega was twice smashed to the canvas, both times for counts of nine. He managed to finish the round, but from then on it was a question of how far he would go. He managed to remain upright for the next three heats. Then, in the 11th, shortly before the bell, the fighting milliner prepared his man for the guillotine with a hard right hand that sent Ortega staggering to his own corner.

Griffith pounced upon his nearly-helpless opponent with an assortment of blows to the body and head. From the audience came shouts of *"Stop it! Stop it"* A last well-aimed and effective blow sent Ortega staggering into the ropes, and Referee Tommy Hart came to his assistance just as the gong sounded.

The referee helped Ortega to his corner, where the Indian's able handlers, Whitey Bimstein and Freddy Brown, worked over him feverishly. But it was as obvious as the nose on your face—or the nose on my face, undoubtedly more obvious—that though Ortega might stagger out for the 12th, he wouldn't be able to finish that heat. He didn't.

Gaspar came out uncertainly and haltingly for the 12th. He tried with desperate courage to resume hostilities, but his efforts were ineffectual.

Emile was a tiger who had tasted blood. The end was in sight, and he went after Ortega with a savage assault. It was like punching the big bag. The bag can't punch back. And 48 seconds after the round started, Referee Tommy Hart humanely stepped in and halted hostilities—one-sided hostilities.

There was no demur, not even from Ortega's staunch friends and rooters—and the house was preponderantly pro-Gaspar.

Here is how the official score-cards read at the end of the 11th round, all for Griffith of course: Referee Tommy Hart, 12-2; Judge George Latka, 16-1; and Judge Lee Grossman, 13-1. My count was 13-1.

Thus ended Griffith's first defense of the title he had won from Benny Paret two months ago.

The weights: Griffith, 145½; Ortega, 146.

Now matchmaker Teddy Brenner has in mind a Griffith-Paret title bout for September or October.

Returning to the financial aspects; as stated, the gross take was $52,739 at the box-office, plus $60,000 for TV rights, a total of $112,739.

At the pay-off window, Griffith received his guarantee of $50,000, and Ortega, $20,000 guarantee. But there was the slight matter of $5,000 from each boy to Benny (Kid) Paret, his reward for gracefully stepping aside and letting the Mexicali boy get the first crack at the crown, for in Los Angeles Ortega was certain to mean more at the gate than Paret.

In addition, Paret got $10,000 from Promoter Eaton.

Thus, Benny the Kid had the privilege of watching the fight on television and getting $20,000 for doing so. Moreover, Paret was promised first shot at the winner, a fight which reportedly will take place in New York.

Even though the promoter had to pay $80,000 in guarantees, as set forth above, and other incidental expenses, there should be a black-ink balance even after the taxes are deducted from that $112,739 gross. Not enough to buy a yacht, or pay the national debt, but still a profit.

In their former meeting, on February 12, 1960, Griffith won a split decision over Ortega. That was Emile's 17th pro fight, and obviously he has improved greatly in the interim, or Senor Ortega has gone back somewhat, maybe more than somewhat. Whichever it is, Griffith is certain to be heavily favored over Paret in the impending rematch. Not only because of his showing in this one, but because in their last meeting, April 1st, he had flattened Paret in the 13th.

Being a welterweight champion, however, is not a steady job. In this division, most assuredly *"uneasy lies the head which wears a crown,"* as Willie Shakespeare said.

Just take a look at the changes in throne occupancy of that 147-pound division since 1954, seven years ago:

1954: Kid Gavilan lost to Johnny Saxton, 1955: Tony DeMarco dethroned Saxton, 1955: Carmen Basilio snatched the title from DeMarco, 1956: Johnny Saxton regained it from Basilio, 1957: Basilio flattened Saxton in a rematch, 1957: Basilio gave up the title to campaign as a middleweight, 1958: Virgil Akins won the elimination tourney, 1958: Don Jordan swept Akins off the throne, 1960: Benny Paret hit the jackpot at Las Vegas, beat Jordan, 1961: Emile Griffith knocked out Paret.

One of the local scribes wrote a piece after an interview with Griffith wherein the literate and articulate youngster —— he's only 22—said he planned to enter the middleweight division. Many welterweight champions have done that, some willy-nilly, because they found they could no longer make 147 pounds; others, because the pickings were more lush in the heavier class.

Four of them were successful in gaining the 160-pound title: Mickey Walker, Lou Brouillard, Sugar *(Continued on page 51)*

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

Ratings for the Month ending June 22.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

1—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Oregon
3—**HENRY COOPER,** England
4—**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
5—**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Canada
6—**ALEJANDRO LAVORANTE,** Argentina
7—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
8—**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Tex.
9—**TOM McNEELEY,** Arlington, Mass.
10—**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PAUL PENDER, Brookline, Mass.

*1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
3—**TERRY DOWNES,** England
4—**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
5—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
6—**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
7—**HANK CASEY,** Richmond, Calif.
8—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**YAMA BAHAMA,** Bimini
10—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** Buffalo, N. Y.

* NBA Middleweight Champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
2—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
3—**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
*4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
7—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
8—**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
10—**GIORDANO CAMPARI,** Italy

* NBA Junior Lightweight Champion

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDER JOFRE, Brazil

*1—**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
2—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
3—**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
4—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
5—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
6—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
7—**EDMUNDO ESPARZA,** Mexico
8—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
9—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
10—**IGNACIO PINA,** Mexico

* Recognized by Europe as Champion

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

*1—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
3—**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
4—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
5—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
6—**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7—**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
8—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
9—**BOBO OLSON,** Portland, Oregon
10—**KIRK BARROW,** Spokane, Wash.

* NBA Light Heavyweight Champion

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N. Y.

1—**BENNY PARET,** Cuba
2—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
3—**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
*5—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
6—**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
7—**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
8—**TED WRIGHT,** Detroit, Mich.
9—**GASPAR ORTEGA,** Mexico
10—**GUY SUMLIN,** Pritchard, Ala.

* NBA Junior Welterweight Champion

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
2—**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
3—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
4—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
5—**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
6—**JUAN RAMIREZ,** Mexico
7—**RAY NOBILE,** Italy
8—**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana
9—**TERRY SPINKS,** England
10—**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**MIMUN BEN ALI,** Spain
3—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
4—**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
5—**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
6—**HIRAM BACALLAO,** Cuba
7—**RISTO LUKKONEN,** Finland
8—**JEAN GUERARD,** France
9—**ERNESTO BARRERA,** Mexico
10—**JACKIE BROWN,** Scotland

GRIFFITH–MOORE FIGHTERS OF THE MONTH

THE past month saw more changes among the top ten boxers in each, the lightweight and bantamweight divisions than at any time in one single class in many, many months.

The big news of the month was made in the championship fights in which Emile Griffith and Archie Moore retained their crowns, Emile by his twelve round knockout of Gaspar Ortega, the first time the Mexican was halted and Archie by his one-sided triumph over Italian Giulio Rinaldi share this month's "Fighter of the Month" honors.

Moore's victory caused Giulio to drop down one notch from second to third, trading places with Doug Jones of New York City. Von Clay of Philadelphia, kayoed last month by Harold Johnson, rebounded with a kayo over Kirk Barrow that jumped Von from ninth to sixth, with Barrow down from seventh to tenth. Other changes in the lightheavies saw Eddie Cotton upped from tenth to seventh, with inactivity dropping Willie Pastrano from sixth to eighth and Bobo Olson from eighth to ninth.

The lone change in the heavyweight class found Robert Cleroux of Canada, back in tenth post, with inactive Mike DeJohn of Syracuse removed to make room for him.

The middleweight class also had but one shift, with inactive Ray Robinson down from third to fourth, exchanging places with Terry Downes.

Ortega, following his kayo at the hands of Griffith fell two notches from seventh to ninth, trading with Brian Curvis of Wales, while Jorge Fernandez winner over Ted Wright moved up one to third, switching with Ralph Dupas of New Orleans, who defeated Guy Sumlin, Wright and Sumlin retained their positions in eighth and tenth respectively.

The losses suffered by third ranked Carlos Hernandez and fourth ranked Len Matthews scrambled the listings among the lightweights. Carlos and Len each fell four positions, Carlos to seventh and Len to eighth. Doug Vailant and Flash Elorde gained from fifth and sixth to third and fourth, while Eddie Perkins of Chicago, who handed Carlos' his first loss, advanced from tenth to fifth. Paolo Rosi of New York, who upset Matthews regained a place among the elite, being listed ninth.

Kenny Lane moved up from seventh to sixth, while Giordano Campari, beaten by Elorde dropped from eighth to tenth. Inactive Solomon Boysaw, of Cleveland, was ousted to make way for Rosi.

There was much action, but no changes recorded among the featherweights as the Lamperti-Caprari fight for the European title takes place as we go to press. Sugar Ramos continued his successful invasion of Mexico.

The kayo triumph scored by the veteran Pierre Cossemyns, of Belgium, over Freddie Gilroy, of Ireland, for the vacant European title, and the triumph of Johnny Caldwell over Alphonse Halimi, for the European version of the world crown shook up that division.

Johnny, of Ireland, jumped from the flyweight class into the top challenger's post for Eder Jofre's crown, with Halimi dropping down to fourth. Cossemyns moved from sixth to third, while Joe Medel advanced from third to second and Gilroy tumbled from second to fifth. Kenji Yonekura, of Japan, kayoed by Ignacio Pina, of Mexico, fell from fifth to ninth, with Pina rejoining the ratings in last place. Piero Rollo, of Italy, fell from fourth to sixth, and Carlos Hernandez, of Mexico, kayoed by Hector Hicks, and inactive Enrique Hitchman, of Cuba, were removed to make way for Caldwell and Pina.

With Caldwell out of the flyweight class the next eight men in line each moved up one notch and Scotch Jackie Brown, became the new number ten man.

Here are the month's leading results.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT–J. W. DeBoe, Princenton, Ky.
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT–Cliff Murkey, Chicago, Ill.
MIDDLEWEIGHT–James Ellis, Louisville, Ky.
WELTERWEIGHT–Billy Bello, New York, N. Y.
LIGHTWEIGHT–Abel Laudrino, Argentina
FEATHERWEIGHT–Bill Davis, England
BANTAMWEIGHT–Ismael Laguna, Panama
FLYWEIGHT–Marcel Juban, Philippines

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cleveland Williams halted Alex Miteff, 5.

Robert Cleroux kayoed Roy Harris, 5.

Young Jack Johnson outpointed George Logan, 10. Wim Snoek outpointed Uli Ritter, 10. Willie Richardson outpointed Dave Furch, 10. French champion Robert Duquesne retained his title by stopping Francis Magnetto, 9. Ernest Terrell bested Chuck Garrett, 10. South African champion Gawie deKlerk retained his title kayoing Jan Scheepers, 11.

Rocco Mazzola won the Italian title outpointing Federico Friso, 12. Franco DePiccoli kayoed Werner Waloschek, 1; and Ossi Buettner, 3. Johnny Riggins defeated Elmer Hardy, 8. Tony Alongi kayoed Lou Segerra, 1.

Gregorio Peralta kayoed Ricardo Gonzalez, 6. Al Gonzalez kayoed Randy Wyatte, 1. Peter Bates kayoed Tony Smith, 1. Sonny Banks kayoed Joe Shelton, 2. Sid Cain decisioned Eric Fearon, 8.

Don Quinn kayoed Frank Williams, 4. Billy Daniels whipped Wilfredo Avellez, 6. Roger Wakefield whipped Jerry Buchanan, 6. John Massey halted Gordy Gladson, 1. Tony Hughes defeated Earl Atley, 6.

Joe DiGrazio whipped Jay Bee, 6. Herb Siler kayoed Roosevelt Jones, 5. Willie McDonald kayoed Joe Clagg, 3. Jackie Richards defeated Norm Geddes, 6. Jimmy Jones kayoed Dave Shoulders, 3. Herb Siler whipped Wendell Newton, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World champion Archie Moore retained his title by outpointing Giulio Rinaldi, 15.

Von Clay kayoed Kirk Barrow, 6.

Eddie Cotton halted Neal Rivers, 6. Paul Roux outpointed Peter Muller, 10. Allan Harmon defeated Jesse Bowdry, 10. Chuck Garrett drew with Bobby Stininato, 10.

Franz Szuzina outscored Jerry Luedee, 10. Stan Cullis stopped Johnny Cole, 11. Alfredo Vogrig stopped Mike Holt, 5. Guillermo Dutschman defeated Al Owens, 8.

Roy Smith defeated Clyde Watson, 10. Jose Mazur kayoed Alfredo Yacanto, 9. George Price stopped Bennie Bowser, 9. Justo Benitez kayoed Alberto Martinotti, 6. Bobby Stinanto stopped John Bonner, 6. Joe Barboza kayoed Sherman Dodds, 5. Cliff Murkey stopped Pedro Bradley, 2.

Hugie McDonald kayoed Basil Arsenault, 2. Dean Bogany stopped Carl Looney, 6. Yaqui Lopez halted Buck Bellamy, 3. Alonzo Witherspoon beat Mickey Williams, 6. Cliff Murkey kayoed Walter Turner, 1.

John Henry Jackson kayoed Kid Apache, 1. Greatest Crawford outscored Sammy Jordan, 6; and stopped Tommy Hough, 4. Johnny Ould stopped Brian Coxhead, 3. Dave Russell won from Julius Owens, 6. Bill Johnson defeated Lew Moses, 6. Dean Boganey defeated Joe Sullivan, 6. Dave Russell kayoed Carl Miner, 3.

Tommy Leroy stopped Ozzie Nelson, 2. Don Prout won from Cardel Farmos, 6. Babe Simmons whipped Luigi Napoleoni, 6. Johnny Green kayoed Hames Mott, 1.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Dick Tiger outpointed Hank Casey, 10.

Yama Bahama kayoed Jimmy Robinson, 6. Denny Moyer stopped Willie Jennings, 2, but lost to Obdulio Nunez, 10.

Ralph (Tiger) Jones outpointed Duane Horsman, 10. Peter Muller kayoed Salah Mousri, 5; but lost to light heavy Paul Roux, 10.

Jesse Smith outscored Eddie Thompson, 10. Holly Mims outpointed Gomeo Brennan, 12. Farid Salim defeated Luis Toledo, 10.

Bill Pickett easily outpointed Rocky Rivera, 10. Jimmy Beecham stopped Baby Linares, 7. John McCormack whipped Michel Diouf, 10. Ubaldo Sacco won over Francisco Gelabert, 10.

Jose Torres stopped Bob Young, 5, and Mel Collins, 7. Blair Richardson stopped Eskil Emerson, 3. Jimmy Hopkins defeated Mel Collins, 10. Freddie Little kayoed Larry Howard, 1.

Al Taylor kayoed Bobby Shore, 3. Norm Smith defeated Don Bale, 8. Jimmy Ellis outpointed Gene Leslie, 8. Takao Maemizo kayoed Steve Tony, 3. Eddie Andrews stopped Ramon Hernandez, 6. Memo Ayon and Everardo Armenta drew, 10.

Esteban Caprani drew with Ismael Astudillo, 10, then beat Miguel A. Perez, 10. Hans Wohlers kayoed Louis Trochon, 3. Tommy Payne stopped Chuck Coleman, 8. Claude Williams bested Andy Mayfield, 10. Francesco Fiore stopped Joe Rubino, 2.

Johnny Alford kayoed Jimmy Leeves, 5. John Featherman stopped Bobby Watson, 7, and beat Laverene Williams, 6. Walter Turner stopped Willie Moran, 2. Fred Roots won over Don Bale, 6. Johnny Payne won over Ted McKane, 6.

Bobby Rascon whipped Robert Flores, 6. Gene Leslie defeated Eddie Cates, 6. Tony Dominguez whipped Moses Cooper, 6. Jimmy Fields stopped Johnny Martin, 5.

Chico Corsey stopped Johnny Ford, 4. Herman Fandel stopped Percy Bradley, 5. Walter Moerbe stopped Sammy Williams, 2. Paul Patin defeated Joshua O'Neill, 6.

Hurricane Bulloc whipped Erwin Smith, 6. Johnny Osborne defeated Ernie Gipson, 6; Ernie kayoed Lennie Karl, 3. Fred McWilliams won from Bull Halsey, 6.

WELTERWEIGHT

World Champion Emile Griffith retained his title halting Gaspar Ortega, 12.

Luis Rodriguez stopped Alfredo Cota, 4.

Jorge Fernandez outscored Ted Wright, 10. Federico Thompson kayoed Ramon Perello, 2.

Virgil Atkins defeated Billy Collins, 10.

Ralph Dupas outboxed Guy Sumlin, 12. Hippolyte Annex and Ahmed Sebane, drew, 15.

Battling Torres kayoed Walt Varez, 4. Luis Folledo stopped Tony Smith, 3. Pichon Reyes halted Enrique Esqueda, 2. Ricardo Falech beat Angel Ahumada, 10.

Chico Rodriguez upset David Cervantes, 10. Eddie Pace stopped Al Mendoza, 4, and upset Charley (Tombstone) Smith, 10. Marcelo Vargas kayoed Kid Juarez, 9, Vargas then fought a technical draw with Hilario

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Archie Moore's K.O. Total May Remain All-Time Tops in Ring Records—Century Mark in Knockouts is Difficult Target and Few Major Performers Have Hit It

"KNOCKOUT Drops"

THIS was a few days before Archie Moore's get-together with Giulio Rinaldi in Madison Square Garden, and the discussion got around to knockout records in general and Ancient Archie's in particular.

With a total of 132 in 213 bouts, the Gay Vagabond rates as the most prolific flattener the prize ring has ever known.

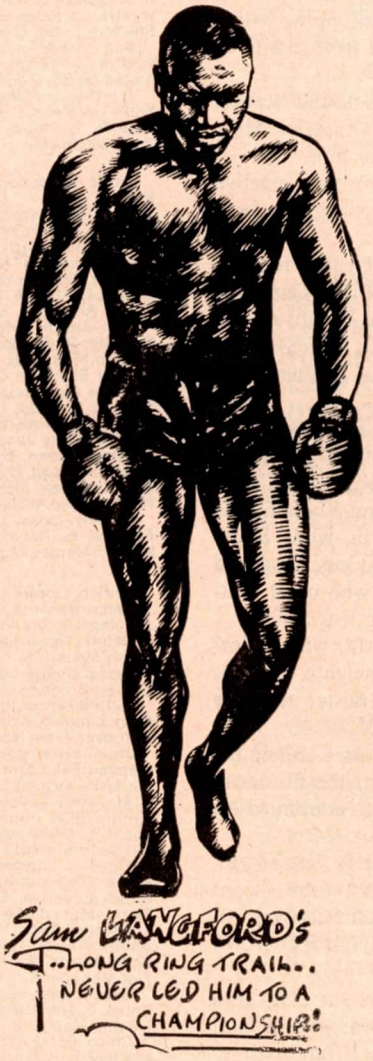
It's a total that probably will last forever. With fistic activity declining steadily throughout the world, it hardly seems likely that any current or future ringster will come anywhere near matching Archie's mark. For one thing, there won't be the opportunity. Leather-tossers these days have less opponents to fight and less arenas to fight in. Then, too, with boxing fast becoming a lost art, the slam-bang tactics now prevailing aren't precisely conducive to long, industrious careers.

Aside from Moore, there isn't one active main-event performer anywhere in the world today who can produce a record of 200 professional bouts, and less than a half-dozen who've been able to reach or pass 150.

Thus, Moore's total of 132 knockout wins in 213 outings seems fairly certain to remain the all-time tops in boxing records.

Records, incidentally, can sometimes be misleading. In Moore's case, of course, there is no doubting the authenticity of his punching power. It has been in evidence all too often through the years. The Old Man has been one fighter capable of ending a bout with one or two solid clouts.

The same cannot be said of some of the other ringsters who've been credited with imposing punching totals. Billy (Young) Stribling, for instance, rates second to Moore in knockouts, with 126 in 275 bouts, but Strib was not the devastating clouter the statistics would seem to indicate. The Georgian was a punishing puncher but hardly what the trade would call a lethal one. He seldom, if ever, flattened a top-rated opponent. His victims generally were ringworn veterans and obscure tank-towners. Strib was even accused at times of padding his record with *"knockouts"* of his own sparmates during his itinerant tours of one-night stands in what Damon Runyon was wont to call *"The Canebrakes Circuit."*



Only two other fighters of major status besides Moore and Stribling have succeeded in reaching the century mark in knockout wins. They were George (K.O.) Chaney and Sandy Saddler, each with 102. Chaney registered his in 201 bouts, Saddler in 162.

Former featherweight champion Saddler actually flattened comparatively few of his victims. Most of Sandy's k.o.'s were of the *"technical"* variety. He had a ripping left hook that made a habit of gashing his opponents' faces and turning them into bloody messes. Many of the bouts were stopped by referees or commission physicians.

There was no denying the heft of Chaney's punches. Inch for inch and pound for pound, the chunky little Baltimore southpaw was about as lusty a socker as the ring has produced. We must have seen a score or more of Chaney's battles and the devastation usually wreaked by his power-packed fists. To cite just one of many instances, there was the night in Philadelphia that George exploded a left on Babe Picato's jaw. Lifted completely off his feet by the punch, Picato flew headfirst from mid-ring through the ropes and into the ringside seats of the working press.

OTHER K.O. SPECIALISTS.

Authentic or technical, one hundred knockouts in a ring career is a tremendous achievement.

Such noted punchers of yesteryear as Terry McGovern, Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Gans, Stanley Ketchel, Aurelio Herrera, Benny Leonard and Jack Dempsey never came close to hitting that mark.

There was one who did, however. One of the deadliest sockers in history, Sam Langford fell only three short of reaching the century figure. In twenty-three years of campaigning and 248 fights all over the world, Ol' Tham ended up with 97 k.o.'s, although it is generally conceded he could have gone well beyond the hundred total had he wanted. Opponents willing to tackle Langford weren't too abundant, and the Boston Tar Baby was accused of *"carrying"* many a rival to assure himself of further engagements. Langford figured

By JERSEY JONES

in more notable *"series"* than any headliner the prize ring has known.

Ray Robinson has been another sharpshooter not quite able to reach the hundred total. In more than two decades of professional activity, Sugar Ray has polished off 93 of his 159 opponents.

Had it not been for the four years he spent in Uncle Sam's service during World War II, there is no saying how close Joe Louis would have come to reaching the 100 figure in k.o. triumphs. Shufflin' Joe was at the peak of his form, not yet 27, when he swapped his civilian togs for an army uniform. As it was, he finished his professional career with 54 knockouts in 71 bouts, and his punching percentage of .760 is the second highest ever recorded by a major performer. The top mark was established by Rocky Marciano, with .871, from 43 k.o.'s in 49 outings. It must be admitted, however, that Louis stacked up against more formidable opposition and over a longer period of time than did Marciano.

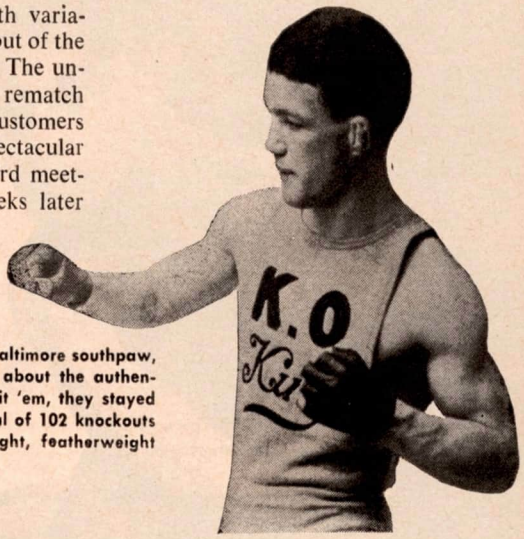
UNUSUAL KNOCKOUTS.

Through the years the ring has produced many an unusual knockout. We recall quite a few.

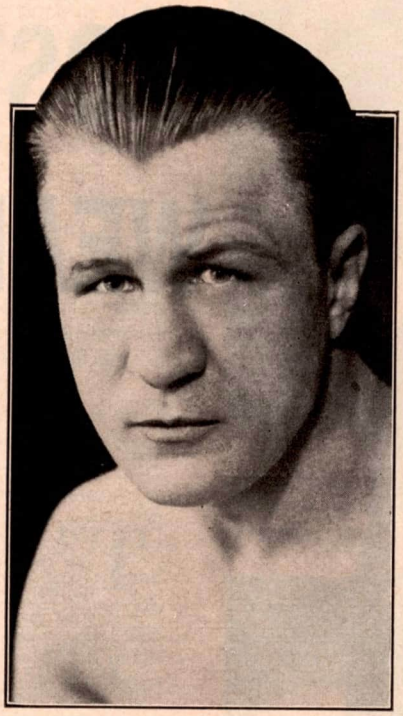
Charley Weinert, flashy Newark heavyweight, was paired with a relic of the dizzy *"White Hope Era,"* Andre Anderson, at the old Manhattan Opera House in New York in 1916. The ring was pitched on the stage. In the second round Weinert clipped Anderson with a left-right combination. Andre reeled back, fell through the ropes, bounced off the stage and tumbled into a corner of the orchestra pit where the musicians had piled their covered instruments. Smack into the mouth of the big bass horn went Anderson, seat first. He became wedged in and struggled to extricate himself as Referee Billy Joh leaned over the ropes and counted him out.

There there was the *"delayed action"* punch local middleweight Happy Littleton exploded on the chin of Britisher Jack Bloomfield in New Orleans during the early '20s. It was along about the ninth round, as we remember, that Littleton nailed Bloomfield with a left hook. Jack trembled for a moment, then turned his back on Littleton and went for a walk along the ropes. He groped his way along three sides of the ring and was on his way to completing the circuit when he collapsed.

An amazing three-bout series was held in San Antonio in 1923 between two clouting flyweights, a local Mexican, Kid Pancho, and a French-Canadian out of Detroit, Gene Larue. Each bout ended in a third-round knockout, but with variations. In the first, Larue tumbled out of the ring and was unable to continue. The unsatisfactory finish resulted in a rematch two weeks later. This time the customers were treated to boxing's most spectacular thrill—a double knockout! A third meeting was inevitable, and two weeks later the rivals hooked up again. The series ended when Pancho flattened Larue.



George (K.O.) Chaney, stocky Baltimore southpaw, who didn't leave much doubt about the authenticity of his punch. When he hit 'em, they stayed hit. Chaney ended up with total of 102 knockouts in busy career as bantamweight, featherweight and lightweight.



Charley Weinert, flashy Newark heavyweight, who knocked an opponent through the ropes, off the stage and, seat first, into the mouth of a big bass horn in the orchestra pit of an opera house. Victim was still trying to extricate himself when he was counted out.

ANENT BANTY LEWIS.

He never was a champion, nor even a title contender, but few communities have known more popular and exciting local favorites than Banty Lewis of Newark. Beginning as a bantamweight in 1909 and ending as a lightweight in 1922, Banty crowded in 232 bouts—and how convinc-

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Billy (Young) Stribling, the "King of the Canebrakes", who scored second highest knockout total in history, 126, but he seldom, if ever, flattened a top-rated opponent. His victims generally were ringworn veterans and obscure tank-towners.

He who lives by the sword, shall die by the sword. Al Singer who won and lost the lightweight title on first round kayos, both fashioned by left hooks.

The Left Hook Has Accounted For More One Round Knockouts Than Any Other Blow

BOXING'S MOST POTENT WEAPON

By LEW ESKIN

THROUGH THE YEARS the left hook has come to be known as boxing's most potent punch. It has been called the true weapon of the professional.

It also has accounted for more prominent one round knockouts than any other blow.

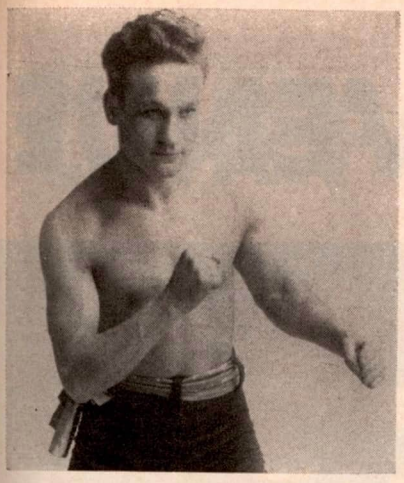
Recall for a moment the one round knockouts that stand out in the history of boxing. You will be amazed, how many of those bouts were ended by one swipe of the left book.

Untold numbers of others that are only lines in the Ring Record Book, also ended via the left hook blow. Most of the outstanding one round kayo artists have been famous for their left hooks. Charlie White, Jack Dempsey, George (KO) Chaney are the three readily recalled.

The quickest knockout scored on television was the one chalked up by Mike DeJohn over Charlie Powell a few years ago, and it was with his left hook that Mike ended the fight in only forty-seven seconds. DeJohn also hung up another quickie over Alex Miteff with his southpaw doing the damage.

There is an old saying: *"He who lives by the sword, shall die by the sword."*

That was never truer than in the case of late Al Singer, former world lightweight king. Singer, pride of the Bronx sector of New York City, was only twenty-two years old when he was matched with Sammy Mandell in Yankee Stadium on July 17, 1930. A gathering of over 32,000 fans



Charley White, the hard socking left hooker of the Benny Leonard era. White's southpaw jolts sent many a topnotcher into dreamland with his TNT punches in the opening round.

was on hand to see the boy who was being hailed as the successor to Benny Leonard.

For Singer, this was his moment and he was ready. He tore out, crashed a beautiful left hook onto the chin of the champion from Rockford, Ill. Mandell stumbled up at the count of three but he was out on his feet. A few wild punches and a half-shove sent him down again. This time he came up at the count of seven, only to run into another left hook that spilled him for a count of two. He was now fighting on instinct alone.

Singer moved in on him like "Tiger". A left hook and two rights finished Sammy and the crowd went wild, as a new champion was born. Only one minute and forty-six seconds had elapsed then the fight was over.

Two months later Al was stopped in three rounds by Jimmy McLarnin in a non-title bout in the same ring before 29,000 fans. Al was stopped by the Vancouver "Irishman" in the third round, before an unbelieving gathering of his followers.

The following month he defeated Eddie Mack in Chicago in another non-title match then made his first title defense against Tony Canzoneri, November 14 in Madison Square Garden.

Two years before Al had held Tony to a draw and in Canzoneri's last match, Tony had been beaten by Billy Petrolle. Sure Tony was a flashy boxer, but could he stay away from the power-packed punches of Singer for fifteen rounds?

The bell sounded and Tony danced out of his corner. Al jabbed but Tony backed off. They traded blows, then a cracking left hook landed on the point of the jaw and Singer pitched face forward into Canzoneri's corner. He stirred at seven, somehow pulled himself upright a fraction after the timer screamed into the din, ten and out, and his body sagged backwards through the ropes where Tony's joyous seconds climbed up the ring stairs to catch him.

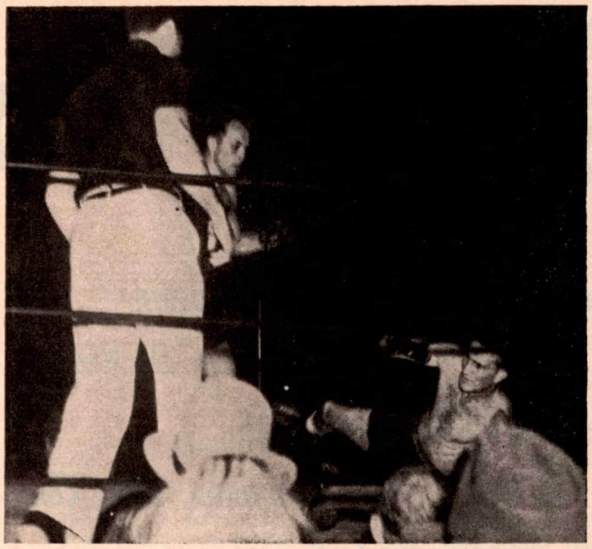
Thus sixty-six seconds after the fight began, it was all over. In the total time of two minutes and fifty-two seconds, Singer won and lost his championship.

The next year at twenty-four, Al retired. He made a comeback in 1935 but quit for good the same year.

McLarnin whose kayo of Singer was the turning point in his career, also became champion of the world via the kayo route in the first round and it was a left hook that played the stellar role in his triumph over Young Corbett III on May 29, 1933 in Los Angeles, Cal.

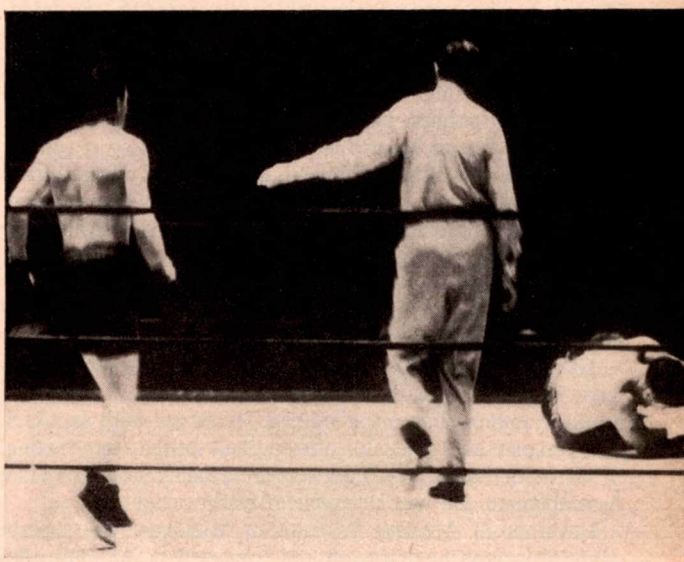
Another Al, Al (Bummy) Davis the Brooklyn belter who like Singer had a huge following shocked the boxing world when on February 18, 1944 he kayoed Bob Montgomery in less than two minutes in Madison Square Garden, with one swipe of his left hook.

Davis who had ended Tony Canzoneri's ring career five years before, had reached his peak and passed it. He had served in the Army in 1942 and his *(Continued on page 46)*



Al Hostek became NBA middleweight king with a stunning first round kayo over Freddie Steele in their Seattle fight on July 7, 1938.

Veteran Paterson, N.J. heavyweght Lee Savold, stepped in as a last minute sub and belted Italy's Gino Buonvino out in less than a minute on March 19, 1948, for what was then a Madison Square Garden record.

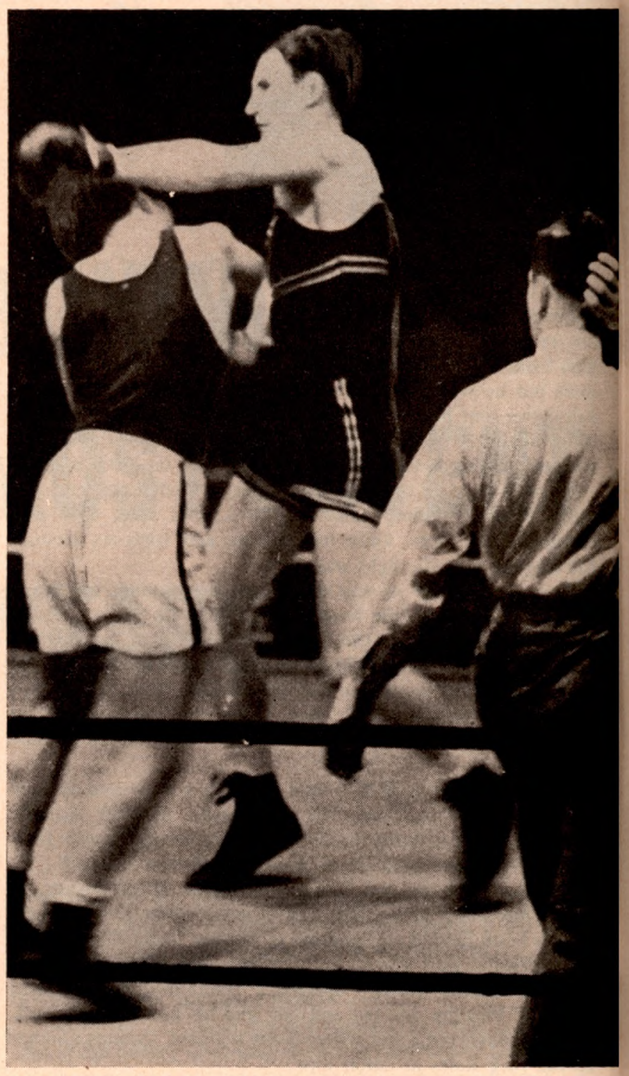


Jimmy McLarnin became welterweight champion when he turned his own left hook against southpaw Young Corbett III and kayoed the San Franciscan in the first round.

By NAT FLEISCHER

BOXER TO REVENUE CHIEF...

Mortimer Caplin, Former Captain Of University Of Virginia Team, And Intercollegiate Champion, Now Chief Collector For Uncle Sam



In the above, Caplin (left) is facing Stewart McCaw of the University of Maryland in the finals of the Southern Conference Boxing tournament in 1935 in which McCaw successfully defended his title.

A FEW WEEKS AGO, the National Intercollegiate Association came to the conclusion that boxing as an intercollegiate sport should be abandoned because a member of the University of Wisconsin team died following a championship match. The decision of the directors, it was hoped by the opponents of the sport, would spell the death knell of pugilism in our institutions of learning.

The action of the college board was quickly followed by several legislators, one in New York State, introducing bills to kill boxing. The Governor of Wisconsin requested that the legislature refrain from voting any funds for its boxing commission, the equivalent of dropping professional boxing in that state.

While all this was going on, two important events took place —several western colleges announced boxing schedules that call for intercollegiate matches as in past years though without the prospect of competing for titles, and the President of the United States named a former intercollegiate champion boxer as the U.S. Collector of Internal Revenue.

What a shock this must have caused to the members of the I.C.A.A.A. who voted unanimously to put an end to *"the dreadfull sport that maims and kills, a sport from which the youth of America must be saved."*

From time to time we have had former boxers making good in the field of politics. Ring history records the name of John Gully as the first to become a legislator.

Gully, son of a Bristol, England, butcher, was released from debtor's prison and after his debts were paid by a sportsman, Colonel Harry Mellihs, on condition that he would fight the champion, Henry Pearce, he lost to Pearce in a 64-round fight.

Later, however, he became a great champion, a wealthy bookmaker and a member of the British Parliament. He was the pace setter and many boxers followed his example in later years.

There was John Morrissey, American bare-knuckle king, who, like Gully, was a bookmaker, the owner of America's leading gambling house in Saratoga. He served both as a U.S. Congressman and a Senator after he had retired from boxing.

Marty McCue of New York served for many years as a State Assemblyman. He was an excellent featherweight.

Governor G. Mennan Williams of Michigan, was captain of the Princeton boxing team and competed in the intercollegate championships for three years.

Governor Foster Furcolo of Massachusetts was captain of the Yale boxing team.

A former amateur and intercollegiate boxer himself, millionaire Pete Fuller, manager of the current Boston heavyweight favorite, Tom McNeeley, is the son of another former Massachusetts governor, Alvin Fuller.

The list is a long one and the accomplishments of ex-amateur and professional boxers in the field of politics, education, business ventures and in the judiciary have a high rating in the history of our country.

When President Kennedy named Mortimer Caplin as new Collector of Internal Revenue, his name meant little to most people but to those who follow boxing, it recalled a man with a fine boxing background. He was the middleweight champion of the Southern Conference in 1936 while a student at the University of Virginia. He was an outstanding college boxer and captain of a national championship team—just one more graduate from the sport of Hard Knocks to a national post of honor.

His father, Dan Caplin, supervisor of physical education in New York schools, is remembered by fight enthusiasts as the manager of will-o'-the-wisp Sid Terris, one of the cleverest lightweights in the world during the 1920-30 period. A brother of Dan's, and uncle of the new tax collector, was the late Hymie Caplin, who managed such world champions as middleweight Ben Jeby, lightweights Al Singer and Lew Jenkins and bantamweight Lou Salica. Add his own ring career to the family background and it must be conceded that the chief of our revenue department is well equipped with the sort of fighting experience needed to overcome the tough problems he will encounter in his new post.

As a boxer, Mortimer Caplin was both clever and a hard hitter. He went at boxing as he went after everything else—he studied it scientifically and performed accordingly. He was hard to hit because of his ring science. When in his senior year, he led his team to victory in championship matches though he fought with a broken bone in his hand.

When he graduated, he became highly interested in tax law and made that his specialty. Upon graduation from law school, he became law clerk for United States Circuit Judge Arimstead L. Dobie.

When war broke out, his career was interrupted and, like President Kennedy, he served as a naval lieutenant. He was a beach master in the Normandy invasion and legal officer for the commander of the amphibious bases and craft in the United Kingdom.

When World War II was over and Mortimer Caplin was honorably discharged, he returned to Charlottesville and taught tax law at the University of Virginia. He soon became a partner in one of the nation's outstanding law firms handling the cases in taxes and corporate finance. He taught school in the morning and practiced law in the afternoon and soon he gained a reputation as one of the outstanding tax experts in America.

It was through the recommendation of his law partner, William C. Battle, who managed the Kennedy campaign in Virginia, that Mortimer Caplin served on Kennedy's task force on taxation. So well did he do the job assigned to him that when President Kennedy took office, he called on Caplin to handle the government's internal revenue department.

Discussing his boxing background, the new revenue collector declared he is as fond of boxing now as he was in his college days, and that he likes to believe that boxing has a place in his daily life. He likes to recall a maxim his Virginia coach, Johnny Larowe, quoted:

"Punch first, punch hardest and keep punching to reach your goal."

"Boxing is a good sport when properly conducted," he says.

As for abolishing boxing, he doesn't think that is necessary. His love of the University of Virginia and his love of college boxing, are two important things for Mortimer Maxwell Caplin, United States Collector of Internal Revenue.

A strong family bond is the mark of the Caplin family. There are five children in the family, ranging in age from two to fourteen years. He is very much concerned about the trend in juvenile delinquency and believes that the work accomplished by the Police Athletic and other boys' club organizations in fostering boxing, is helpful in keeping the minds of our youth off juvenile crimes.

The new U.S. Internal Revenue Chief—Mortimer M. Caplin, former Captain of the University of Virgina boxing team. He was an intercollegiate champion.

Mrs. Caplin, like her husband, enjoys watching a good boxing bout. She describes her husband as an 'unpugnacious' individual despite his fighting career in college.

"Looking at him," she says, "one would never believe that he was a top fighter in the intercollegiate league. He certainly doesn't look like a fighter."

Tax Commissioner Caplin laughs at his wife's remarks. He likes to look back on his college boxing background and talk about it because he believes it definitely has a place in his daily life. It had much to do in the moulding of his career, he declares. The associations he made, the sportsmanship displayed and learned in college competition, all added up to an interesting life while studying for his degrees.

Discussing present day boxing, the U.S. Tax Commissioner declares its future is not as dark as many think.

"Once the sordid characters such as have been so frequently named in the Senate Committee's investigation are weeded out of the sport, it will make a good comeback. It is a sport that has helped many young men achieve an education, has helped many become independent business men and is a virile sport that deserves to get all the help it can. It is entertaining and has many fine assets. It is unfortunate so much unfavorable publicity has been given to boxing in recent years, because of the antics of a comparatively few hoodlums, but decent people in boxing far outnumber the undesirable element, and I am quite sure the sport will survive and continue to flourish."

Sonny Liston (left) and ex-champion Ingemar Johansson compare right hands when they met before the last Patterson-Johansson fight in Miami. A match between Sonny and Ingemar is now in the making and will be the key fight of the heavyweght division for the next year.

THE KEY TO THE THRONE

By AL BUCK

THE KEY to open the door to the throne room has often been found in the pocket of the ex-king. The title trail runs in two directions, and an aspiring pretender is sure to meet a former monarch on the way back. It was so when Jack Dempsey ruled as world heavyweight champion. It is so now when Floyd Patterson wears the crown of John L. Sullivan.

As his Serene Highness King Floyd I has decreed aspiring Sonny Liston must stand aside until next year, the most attractive match any promoter could make would be the No. 1 heavyweight contender and Ingemar Johansson. As a former champion, Johansson has the key to unlock the door. All Liston has to do is take it away from him.

Thumbing through the pages of fistic history one comes to a hot Fourth of July afternoon, and a sun baked arena in Toledo, Ohio. The year was 1919, and the gigantic Jess Willard was confronted by a young and hungry Dempsey. In three rounds Jess was destroyed. He was a beaten pulp, unable to rise from his stool, when his seconds tossed in the towel.

There was no return bout agreement. The two fight contract, assuring the champion, if beaten, a chance to regain the title had not come into existence. Dempsey was as free as the wind, tied to no promoter, as he went his way knocking out Billy Miske, Bill Brennan, and Georges Carpentier, the French orchid.

Four years were to elapse before Willard returned to active combat. Floyd Johnson, hailing from Des Moines, Ia., was a promising 23-year-old contender, boasting a long string of knockouts, but needing one major triumph to qualify as a challenger of the reigning champion.

Willard was persuaded to make a comeback. The stage was set for Johnson to take the final step towards a title fight. The bout was sponsored by Mrs. William Randolph Hearst's Milk Fund, and the result was something of a surprise. Willard knocked out Johnson in 11 rounds.

It must be noted that on the same card a powerful, though crude Argentinian, Luis Angel Firpo, soon to be known as the Wild Bull of the Pampas, knocked out Jack McAuliffe, a clever, but weak jawed heavyweight, in three rounds.

Willard's victory over Johnson brought him a popularity he had not known since he had won the title by knocking out Jack Johnson in 26 rounds at Havana in 1915. He still held the key, but before using it Jess took one more fight. The opponent was Firpo, and the setting was famed Boyles Thirty Acres in Jersey City.

Nat Fleischer reported that Willard fought with unusual viciousness. For seven rounds he drove Firpo before him, using his weight advantage effectively. The crowd was all for him. A chorus of "Come on Jess" was sweet music to his ears.

Then Willard's legs began to fail him. They could carry his great bulk no further. The collapse came suddenly, and in the eighth Jess was counted out, never to fight again. Firpo was the challenger Dempsey must fight. The Wild Bull and the Manassa Mauler wrote a brilliant page in boxing history, when Dempsey, knocked from the ring, crawled back, to triumph in the second round.

Where had it all started? The answer is found in Harrison, N.J. There Dempsey had knocked out Fred Fulton, the leading contender, in a round to clinch the title fight with Willard at Toledo. He knocked out other aspirants along the way, but the Fulton triumph was his key to a championship chance.

Those were wonderful days in boxing, when challengers fought challengers, and the eventual winner fought the champion. There was one exception—Harry Wills. The New Orleans born Negro was denied the opportunity he deserved because of his color.

Wills qualified by defeating Firpo. In the wake of his sensational battle with Dempsey, the Wild Bull stood in the way of anyone seeking a shot at the title. Wills fought the Argentinian, as he did all other contenders, in Jersey City. While it was a 12-round no-decision bout, the fistic experts awarded what amounted to a unanimous newspaper decision to Wills.

Most boxing writers gave Wills every round. In the second he dropped Firpo for a count of three. Although the Wild Bull went the limit, no one doubted Wills and Dempsey would draw a million dollar gate.

The match was never made because Tex Rickard, the top promoter of his day, was fearful of what might happen should Wills win. He promoted the Jack Johnson-James J. Jeffries fight in Reno, and recalled that race riots broke out all over the country in the wake of Johnson's triumph.

Johnson's personal life, his several marriages to white women, and his flight to Europe after his conviction for violation of the Mann Act, only added to Tex's concern. Justice did not triumph, and for Wills opportunity never knocked.

No Negro got a chance until Joe Louis came along to knockout James J. Braddock and become one of the truly great world heavyweight champions. The Brown Bomber almost missed. He was one fight away, the conqueror of former

champions Primo Carnera and Max Baer, when he took on a third former champion, Max Schmeling.

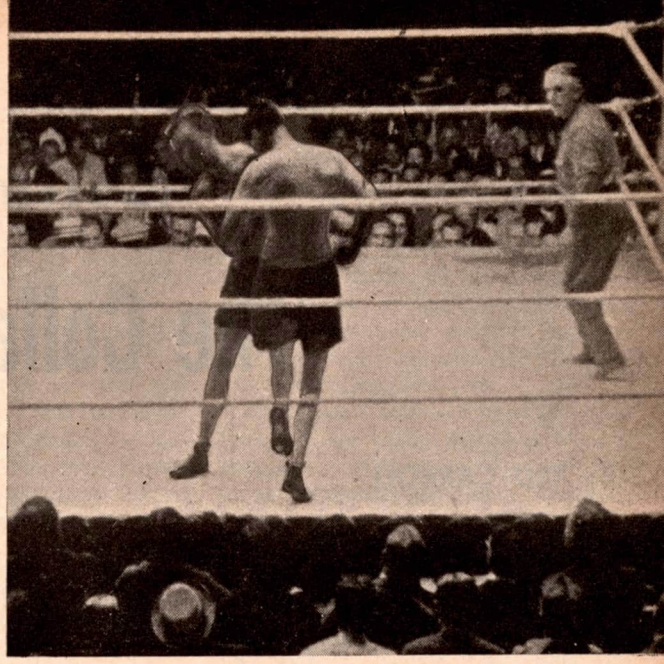
To the amazement of the fans, Schmeling found and exploited a weakness in Louis. Following a jab Joe would drop his left hand. Schmeling, one of the truly powerful right hand punchers, countered over the low left. He gave Joe a bad beating, knocking him down in the fourth round, and knocking him out in the 12th. How different it was two years later, when Louis, then champion, stretched Schmeling in a round.

Louis might have lost his chance at the title, if Hitler had not come to power in Germany. Mike Jacobs, the promoter, didn't want the heavyweight championship to become a pawn in the dictator's hands. He side tracked Schmeling, and gave Louis the first shot at Braddock. Not until he was sure the Brown Bomber could handle the German, did Uncle Mike make the return match.

Here again the promoter, in this instance Jacobs, was not handicapped by the much criticized, and perhaps justly so, return bout contract. While Louis was champion every worthwhile challenger, and even some who were not, got the opportunity to fight for the title.

In the end, Louis was destined to play the ex-champion's traditional roll. He was the key to a title fight when he fought Rocky Marciano at New York's Madison Square Garden. It was Bomber Joe's last stand. The relentless Marciano knocked him out in eight rounds to continue on his undefeated way to a fight with Jersey Joe Walcott and the world heavyweight championship.

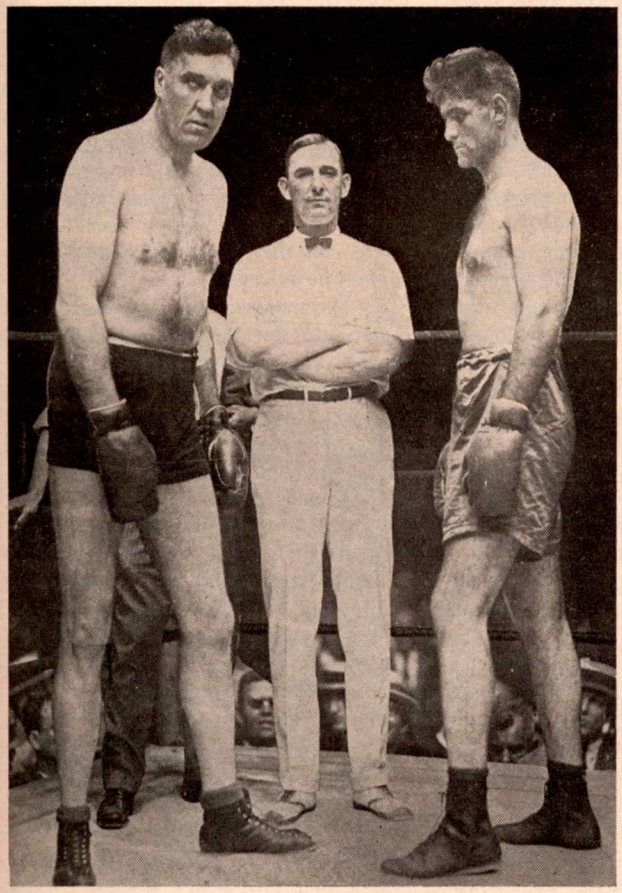
Before he fought Louis, Schmeling, as an ex-champion, was to clear the way for Baer to go onto the championship. Jack



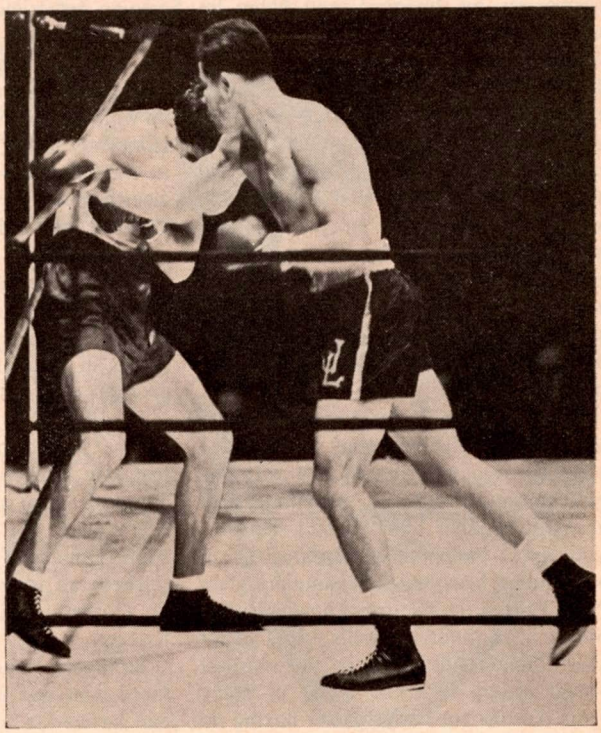
Georges Carpentier claimed that this photo proved his point that he was fouled by Gene Tunney when Gene stopped him in the fifteenth round. Note how Gene's left knee is raised. This victory was the key that opened the door for the ex-Marine, giving him a shot at Jack Dempsey's title.

Dempsey promoted the Baer-Schmeling bout, won by Baer on a 10 round knockout. The hard-hitting Baer's next fight was with Carnera for the title. Max knocked Da Preem out in the 11th.

Louis used Baer to qualify for Braddock, knocking Max out in four after Jersey Jim had outpointed him to become champion. Braddock got the Baer fight at Schmeling's expense, the German having comeback by stopping Steve Hamas, but here again, Mike Jacobs didn't want the world heavyweight championship to become one of Hitler's assets. *(Continued on page 47)*



Jess Willard (left) and Luis Angel Firpo pose before their clash which Jess hoped would earn him a victory and another shot at the heavyweight crown. The younger "Wild Bull of the Pampas" stopped Willard and went on to meet Dempsey in the "Battle of the Century".



Joe Louis unleashes the final barrage at Max Schmeling in the fury of his assault that kayoed "Herr Max" in the first round. Although Joe had won the title from James J. Braddock it was not until he reversed the kayo hung on him by Schmeling that he gained real stature as a champion.

Billy Conn

The Collar Ad Hero

By TED CARROLL

SINCE FIGHT PEOPLE are no less impressed by affluence than the rest of us, long retired Billy Conn is the object of considerable attention when he shows up in town to add to a big fight ballyhoo these days. A bit bulgy and balding, but still attractive, the old Pittsburgh "collar ad"—his opinions given added lustre by reputed wealth—is eagerly sought out by press and sundry others in search of pre-contest comment. Never one to hold back any ideas he may have on anything, Conn given importance by his past high ring stature and his present high solvency, has over the past decade blossomed into a kind of Barney Baruch of the Boxing business. Apparently enjoying his new status as one of Pugilism's elder statesman, Billy usually blows into town a week or so before the big battle, emphasizes his financial well being by engaging quarters in the fanciest hostelry —in New York its the posh hundred dollars a day Hampshire House—and is now available for interviews.

Time and oil well wealth have lubricated the one time rough edges of the hard boiled kid from East Liberty, Pa. into the conservative smoothness that marks the successful business man. The tough talk of his fighting days has been tempered by modulated accents, the challenge of the old Conn smile replaced by the charm of self assurance and economic sufficiency.

Conn is kinder in his comments about contemporary fighters today than he was a decade ago which is in line with the general moderation in everything that now distinguishes him. He still sees possibilities of Patterson developing into an outstanding heavyweight champion, gives Paul Pender credit for knowing what boxing is all about, and calls young welter king Emile Griffith one of the sharpest young boxers to come along in many years. On the subject of clever boxing no one is more qualified to be listened to than Billy Conn; he was one of the greatest boxers of all time. Completely lacking in any real fire power, he nonetheless compiled one of the best records in the book; relying entirely upon skill, heart and a deceptive ruggedness.

In a division which has had its full quota of quality fighters, he was one of the best light heavyweight champions of them all.

Few boxers ever had a more trying apprenticeship in the ring. Never an amateur, he was so continually mixed up in street corner and alley scraps, there was no place for him to go but into the ring, and since by his own admission, working had no appeal for him; it had to be for money.

From the beginning he feared no man. According to the record book he lost his first fight, a four rounder, in 1935. A complete novice he went along tangling with local talent in and around Pittsburgh, gaining experience which most boxers today find in the Golden Gloves. According to Conn himself, he didn't become what he calls a real fighter until he hooked up with another promising Pittsburgh boy, Honeyboy Jones. The pair met four times; in the last two settos Conn established clear superiority and the good looking eighteen year older was on his way.

Battle-tested capable Fritzie Zivic spotted him weight and gave him a hard time of it, but Conn staging one of the stretch finishes which were to feature his efforts in later years, edged out a bitter decision over Fritzie on Dec. 8, 1936.

In 1937 Billy Conn not yet twenty years of age performed a most remarkable feat. He engaged in 7 bouts that year opposing 5 men who became middleweight champions! He defeated Babe Risko, Vince Dundee, Teddy Yarosz and Young Corbett, all former titleholders, and lost to Corbett and champion-to-be Solly Krieger.

Strangely enough the lone man he faced who was not a champion was the one he credits for making him the outstanding ringman he turned out to be. *"I don't care what any body says, but Oscar Rankins, hurt me more than any man I ever fought. There was something about that guy, he never stopped forcing you and he'd tear your belly apart with body punches; he was a red headed guy and there must have been some Irish in him too,"* grinned Conn. *"When they raised my hand at the end of that fight I was ready for any man in the world."*

In 1938 he evened the score with Solly Kreiger — *"another mighty tough bird who never got the credit he deserved. The fight between Krieger and Rankins in Pittsburgh was the best fight ever seen anywhere for my dough."*—he says. But Billy dropped a decision to Teddy Yarosz which still rankles him to this day;—*"he held, ran, and grabbed and they gave him the decision!"*

For some reason his home town was slow warming up to Conn despite his outstanding success — *"What do you expect, from Pittsburgh,"* he once said, *"they had the greatest fighter in the world fighting out of there for years—Harry Greb—and they never really gave him the support he deserved."*

So like many another prophet without honor in his own home town, Conn had to make it big elsewhere and this is exactly what happened. Coming into New York to meet Fred Apostoli after beating Krieger, he was on the betting short-end but at the conclusion of ten bitterly contested rounds in the Garden, on Jan. 6, 1939, the Pittsburgher was declared the winner. There were some dissenters, so a month later Conn repeated over the Californian by a wider margin this time. Apostoli at that time was verging on greatness as a middleweight boxer, and Conn does not minimize his own achievement when he insists that Fred Apostoli was the best "all-around" fighter he ever met.

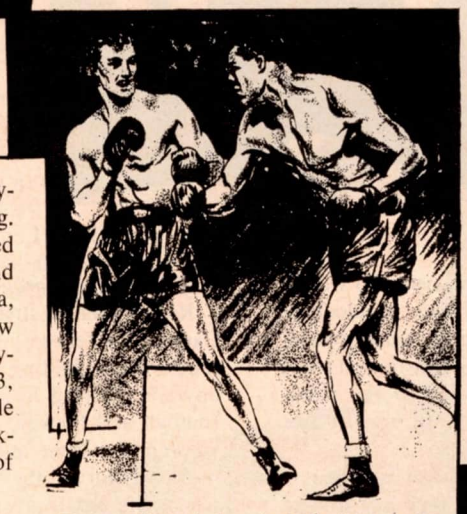
"Sure, there were the big punchers and the cuties, but Apostoli could do everything in there. He was a wonder when he fought me," is Conn's econium to the Coast fighter.

Conn had beaten five middleweight kings without winning that title. Now weight and maturity were advancing him

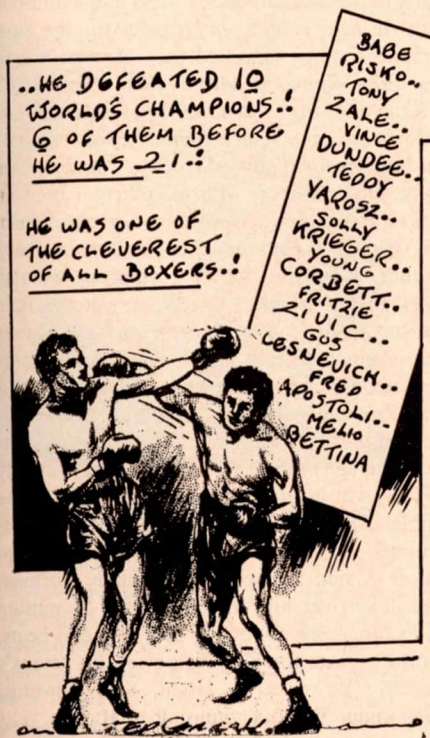
the same year. His acceptance as champion became universal when he had to go all out to beat the N.B.A. nominee highly capable Gus Lesnevich in the Garden on Nov. 17, 1940. As he always did he gave a defeated foe another chance, and repeated against the stubbornly resisting Gus in Detroit the following June.

With the 175 pounders thoroughly subdued, Conn publicly challenged Joe Louis; solidifying his deft with victories over heavyweights Bob Pastor and Lee Savold. While the Pastor fight, winding up in a flurry of foul claims by the New Yorker, shrilly amplified by his manager, waspish Jimmy Johnston; triggered a feud between Johnston and Conn which sizzled for months afterwards, Conn's exhibition against Lee Savold—then an unusually promising big fellow—was one of Billy's banner performances.

Canny Mike Jacobs and collaborators



into the heavier class. As a light heavyweight Conn came to glory in the ring. To gain his championship he was called upon to defeat the smart, powerful, and dangerous hitting southpaw Melio Bettina, a trick he turned twice, winning the New York State version of the light heavyweight crown in the Garden on July 13, 1939 and defending this fractional title successfully against this hard-to-lick-lefthander in Pittsburgh on Sept. 25 of



then set the "build-up" boom in motion, and by June of 1941 when Conn and Louis climbed into the ring, it had become the most eagerly awaited meeting of the decade. Conn did not disappoint the 55,000 customers who laid 450,000 depression dollars on the line to get their money's worth from the brilliant boxing Billy, and the mighty blasting Brown Bomber. Unshaken by his lack of a punch against the dread dynamics of the great Louis, Conn by some accounts came into the thirteenth round with a lead on points. This, however, became purely academic when a Louis barrage which many contemporaries charged to Conn's bravado in attempting to trade punches instead of pursuing a defensive pattern, penetrated his cleverness, and ended a gallant bid with just twelve seconds of the round remaining. Scaling 174 pounds to Louis' 199½, Conn was widely hailed for his performance, and rightly so.

During the training period Conn had suffered the distraction of a vendetta which completely obscured the Johnston jibes, a clash of personalities between himself and hard bitten former ballplayer "Greenfield Jimmy" Smith, a rough customer whose prospects of becoming Conn's father-in-law disturbed him no little. This had culminated into a conflict which made headlines coast to coast.

Feuds were never alien to the good looking Conn whose handsome features once sent a covey of training-camp visiting schoolteachers into dismay *"that such a good looking boy should have to be fighting Joe Louis"*. Conn's looks belied his temper on occasions, although usually pleasant, his tongue could be as sharp as his boxing; he was one of the last of the "Talking" fighters. Like clever Jim Corbett years before him he would often taunt his opponents while active in the ring; but at his peak Billy did not need caustic conversation to help his case.

He mastered the knack of arm blocking to a degree that left his features completely unmarked after years of battling. His left hook, while not numbing was like a whip lash as he raked his rivals with blinding swiftness. Few light heavies took a punch as well, his ruggedness was not revealed by his build, he did not rely upon leg speed to the extent that Jimmy Slattery and others of that school did, but when he made a move it meant something and the moves were quick. He was as game as they come; and had the competitive

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BOB CLEROUX
LATEST HEAVYWEIGHT SENSATION

By FRED EISENSTADT

Ex-heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey, is a bit awed by the fist of Cleroux as Bob's manager, Al Bachman, looks on as the Canadian met his idol, the "Manassa Mauler," in Jack's New York restaurant.

PRESENT-DAY FIGHT ADDICTS are averse to watching skillful boxing. Ducking under blows or blocking leads leaves the majority of the fans cold and unimpressed. Today raw fighting, pure slugging is in vogue; fistic followers want action that consists of throwing caution to the winds when exchanging wallops. A dynamic two-fisted brawler like Bob Cleroux is their dish.

A truly savage ringman, the French-Canadian is a heavyweight who supplies thrilling action. Not the type pug to take a backstep, Cleroux keeps moving forward — providing fistic fireworks every moment he's in the ring. Disdaining sledgehammer wallops, he retaliates with punches thrown from every direction — alternating from head to body. Bob is not possessed of fistic finesse or savoir-faire, is by no means aufait, but the fight followers love him.

Although he fights more like a caveman than a trained boxer, Cleroux has been taught the science of the ring. Ned LaFontaine showed Bob proper stance, how to move and jab, to avoid being hit — either by blocking or ducking — back in 1956, the year he began to perform in the amateurs. The youngster went undefeated in 19 contests, winning the Canadian heavyweight title of the simon-pures.

"It is, I believe, to Cleroux's advantage," informs manager Alvin Bachman, *"that he discarded all the fancy stuff he was taught by Monsieur LaFontaine and picked up in the amateurs. Because his rough-and-tumble ring style has made Bob popular with the fans and a big attraction wherever he performs."*

It has been reported that in Cleroux's last five contests, in Montreal, $200,000 flowed into the box office — proving that he is a big drawing card.

A large contingent of his followers will travel to watch their favorite perform, prepared to see him render his rival hors de combat.

"And that," informs Cleroux in French, through Bachman, who has some knowledge of the language, *"give me great satisfaction — because I like to give the best that is in me, especially to those who are proud of me or my ability as a fighter."*

Robert Cleroux first saw the light of day in Abord-A-Plouffe, Canada, on February 23, 1938. He admits having been a pretty tough lad — fighting in school, on streets, anywhere and at anytime. During his two years in High School, Bob played football and hockey. Later he worked as a lumberjack, then labored in a stone quarry.

Asked during the interview in the Eighth Avenue Gym, where Cleroux trains under the directions of Whitey Bimstein and Freddie Brown, if he'd ever been dropped in the ring, manager Al Bachman promptly supplied the answer: *"Yes—that was in his first pro contest, in Montreal, in June, 1957. A guy named Ray Batey sent Bob down. Bristling mad, Cleroux got up and put Batey out like a match-light in a rain storm."*

The pugnacious heavyweight comes from a family noted for physical strength. Bob's father, Martin, 48, is a brewery foreman. His uncle, Granel Turcott was the village strongman. Bob's only sister is big, solid and powerful enough to be a wrestler. Their mother, Rejeanne, 42, is a vigorous woman.

"My older brother Denis—I have no other," informs Bob, *"was showing unmistakable promise in the ring—scoring six knockouts in as many amateur contests — when he suddenly decided fighting was not for him."* The giant shrugged. *"Mais moi, I am different. Too much do I like fighting to quit the ring; besides—it is making me wealthy."*

Though vicious and savage in the ring, Cleroux never actually dislikes any of his foes; yet he tries to dispose of them in the shortest time possible. That accounts for the twenty kayoes he's scored in 28 bouts—of which he lost two decisions and boxed one draw. Bob evened the score with Buddy Turman, who got an 8-round duke over him in May, 1959, by putting the chill on him in October, the following year—in two heats. Other good behemoths to taste the blasting power of Cleroux's fists were Solomon McTier, Charles Hood, Sam Edwards, Mickey Carter, Tyler Young, Ike Thomas, Roy Harris.

"Bob failed to put the long snore on Willi Besmanoff," put in Bachman. *"He was too tough—and too smart. But Cleroux sure gave him an unmerciful beating. The fight took place in Madison Square Garden, in the early part of 1960."*

After winning three more bouts that year, Cleroux dethroned George Chuvalo, in Montreal, on August 17, by beating him in twelve rounds—thus becoming heavyweight king of Canada.

"Some big shot friends of mine were so elated over my victory," translated Bachman, *"That they gave me a testimonial dinner in my hometown and had the gloves I won the championship with gold-plated."*

Unfortunately, Bob did not enjoy occupying the throne for too long a period. In a return bout on November 23, Chuvalo regained the lofty perch by outpointing Cleroux in 12 rounds. *'Par bleu, I do not intend to let him hold it long either!"* grins the big fellow.

Early in May, this year, Cleroux took on Harold Carter. He opened up with a barrage at the sound of the first gong and battered hapless Harold all over the *(Continued on page 66)*

(Top right) Bob lands a hard right to the head of Harold Carter, just before stopping his foe in the second round of his recent Montreal bout. (Above) Cleroux and Bachman. Al believes that in the rugged Canuck he has a coming world champion. (Right), While Bob speaks very little English, he understands more than he lets on, and is a shrewd business man who is now planning his future for when his boxing career is over.

CANADIAN CLOUTERS

By LEW ESKIN

ALTHOUGH hockey and football are the two top sports in Canada, boxing has always had its large following of fans and the land of the Maple Leaf has produced many great fighters from the days of Sam Langford and Tommy Burns through those of Dave Castilloux, Maxie Berger, Billy Marquarts, Jack Renault, Earl Walls, Yvon Durelle up to the George Chuvalo and Robert Cleroux, today's top pugilists.

Six promising lads who have come to the fore in the past year in their sectors of the wide land between the oceans are Claude LaBonte and Raul Sarrazin of Montreal; Dave Hilton of Edmunston, New Brunswick; Les Sprague of Amherst, Nova Scotia; Basil Arsenault of North Sydney, Nova Scotia and Emory Boudreau of Buctouche, New Brunswick.

Hilton, the Canadian featherweight champion is a twenty-one year old lad who started his amateur career in 1955 while his family was living near Memphis, Tenn. As a simon-pure Davey, then a flyweight and later a bantamweight and featherweight, had seventy bouts. He scored fifty-five kayos. He won the Tennessee Golden Gloves title in 1956 and the Texas Golden Gloves the following year.

Dave returned to his birthplace in 1959 and launched his pro career on April 13 by winning a six round decision over Gerry Leroux. In his very next fight on May 18, he won the Canadian title by outpointing Gerry Simpson over twelve rounds in Quebec City. He lost a non-title bout to Buddy Daye a few months later, then came back to kayo Buddy in the first round of a title bout.

Hilton, as a pro has fought twelve times and won ten. Besides the Daye defeat his other loss was in his last bout in London against the then British champion Terry Spinks, in which he was disqualified in the seventh round because as the referee put it, "Laying On," what ever that may be.

Dave lists Marcel Gendron, Gilbert Clave, Rejean Robert, Estrella Cruz and Andre Milette as his other victims. He is a clever boxer with a fine left hand.

Coming from a small fishing village in the Canadian Maritime sector, it has been

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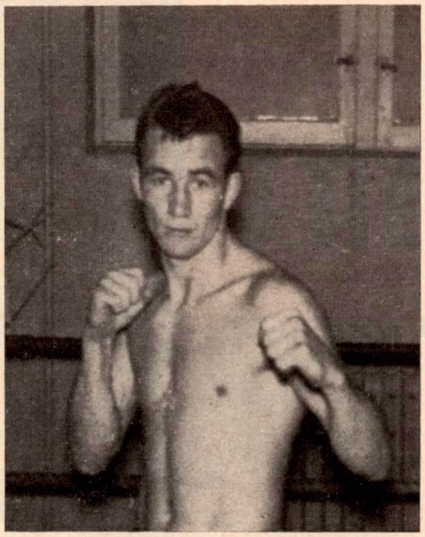
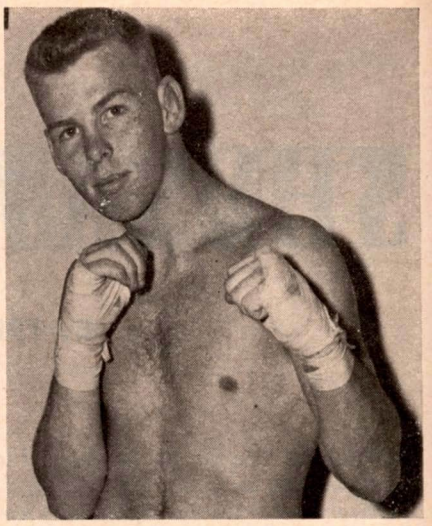
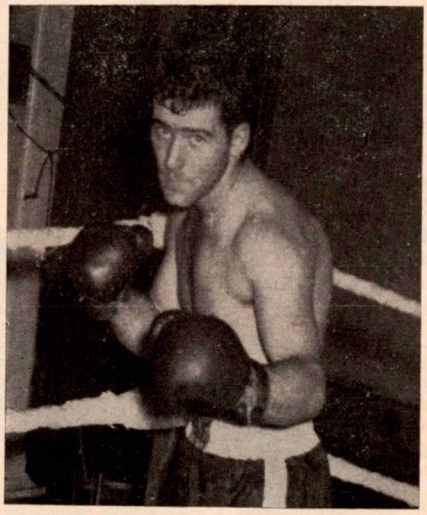


Raoul Sarrazin, former Canadian Olympic welterweight champion who is undefeated since launching his pro career. Raoul is from Montreal.

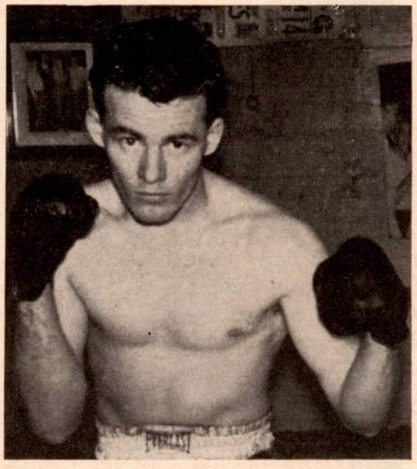


Les Sprague, good looking young lightweight from the Canadian Maritimes, who looms as a good prospect. Les is also undefeated.

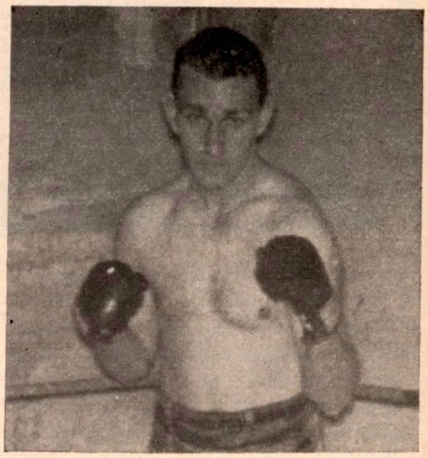


Rough and tough Emory Boudreau, a twenty-year-old middleweight with an impressive knockout record.

Claude LaBonte, promising young junior welterweight from Montreal. A crowd pleasing performer.

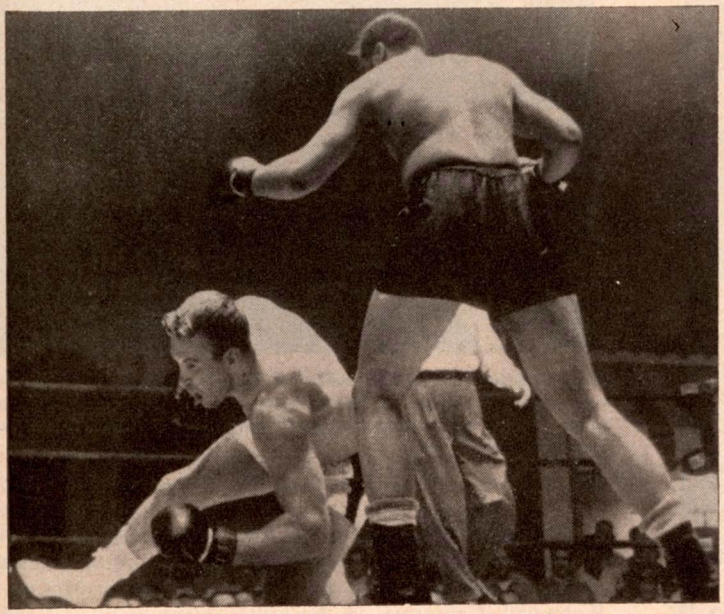


Dave Hilton, the Canadian national featherweight champion, a clever young boxer with a good record.

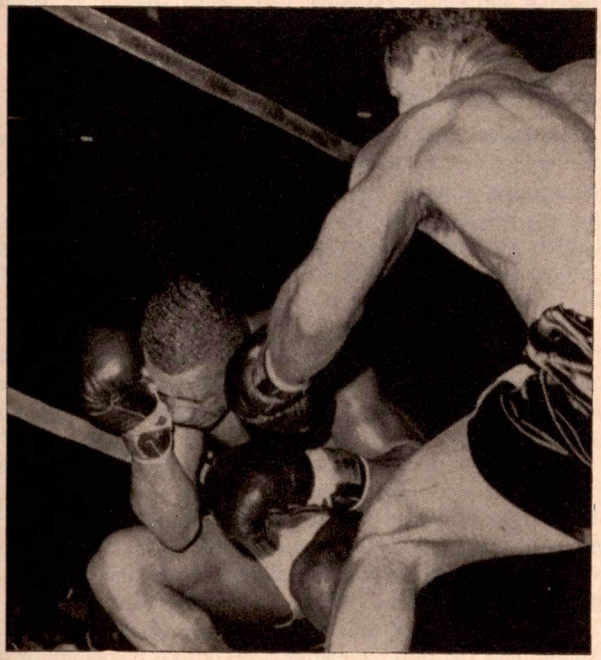


Basil "Bee" Arsnault, hard socking young light heavyweight who learned to fight in the Army.

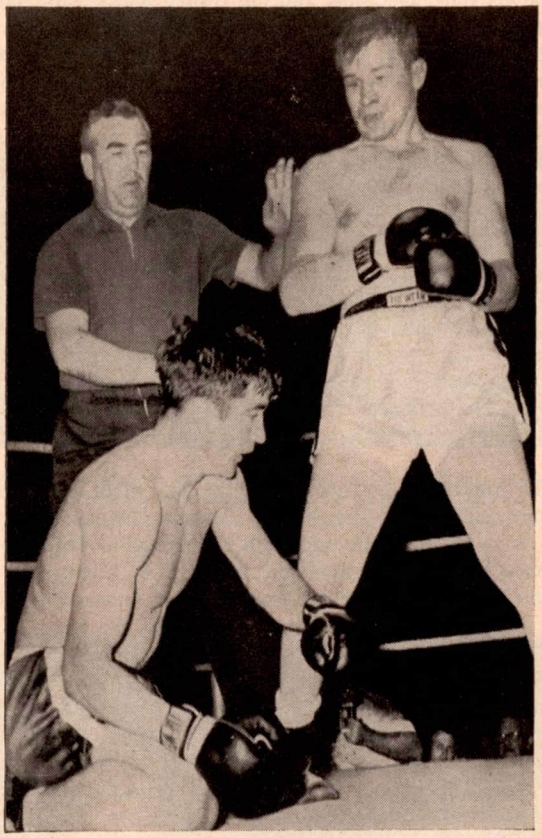
Fights Of The Month



Former Olympic shot put champion Bill Neider ran into more than he expected in his debut as a professional fighter and was knocked out in the first round by Jim Wiley in Philadelphia. Bill was dropped twice and knocked out of the ring, all in 2:10. A few weeks later Neider announced that his fistic career was over. He opened and closed in "One," to borrow an old show business term.



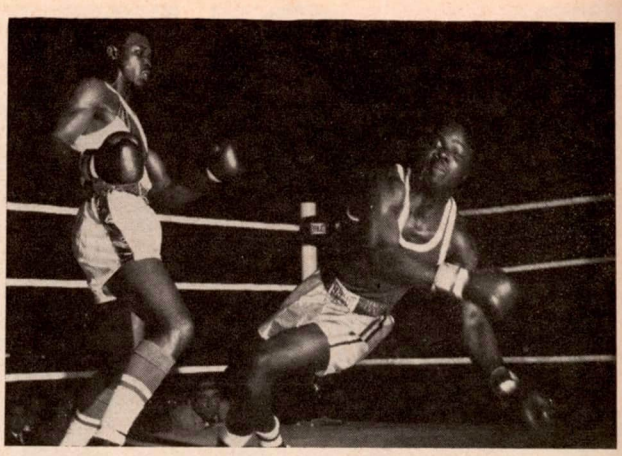
Mel Collins, Trenton, N.J., middleweight, sinks to the canvas to be counted out in thirty seconds of the seventh round of his Boston bout with undefeated Jose Torres of Puerto Rico. Torres, ex-Olympic star, recorded his twenty-first win in twenty-two professional starts, one draw marring an otherwise perfect slate.



End of the line, Roy Harris, the Cut and Shoot, Texas heavyweight, who had Floyd Patterson on the floor in his bid for the world title only a few short years ago is on the deck for the last time in his bout with Canadian contender Robert Cleroux. Roy managed to beat the count here in the fourth round, but was not allowed to come out for the fifth. Roy fought gamely, but Cleroux punched too hard and too often in stopping Harris for the second time within a year. After the fight Harris announced his retirement from boxing.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By JOHNNY ORT



The 1961 CISM middleweight champion, James Rossette (left) is ready with a left-right combination as the UAR's Mohamed El Gilaidy whirls himself to the canvas after missing a right. Rossette went on to win this bout staged at Fort Dix, N.J.

FORT DIX, NEW JERSEY

LE CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DU SPORT MILITAIRE (CISM), a world-wide organization dedicated to the cause of furthering and uniting international friendship, put on its 14th annual boxing championships for the first time in the United States starting at Fort Dix.

Eight countries, all members of the 26-nation council, competed in the eight-day event. Four nations—the United Arab Republic, Italy, Germany and the United States—entered 10-man teams, placing a man in each of the weight classes prescribed for by the governing international amateur boxing rules. The remainder, Austria, France, Belgium, and Tunisia—brought champion fighters to compete in from one to six classes.

The powerful United States team, placing nine men in the finals of the four days of boxing, won the unofficial team championship, copping five crowns. Italy was second in the standings with three victories. The UAR placed third with two wins.

James Johnson, the American heavyweight and sole Army member of the host team, gave the United States the title on the final night when he won a close decision over Benito Penna of Italy. Johnson, a native of Clairton, Pa., and stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., stood toe-to-toe with his opponent in the final round, but the champion's vicious left hooks and follow-up rights, scored heavily to the Italian's head, warranted the judges' nod.

The American's first victory on the final night was given to bantamweight John Cerighin of Defiance, Ohio, an Airman who is stationed at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C. He decisioned Mahmoud Hammouda of the UAR. Lightweight Jim Richardson of the Air Force and native of Kansas City, Kan., won the next American title from Ahmed Harfousn of the UAR.

Quincey Daniels of the Air Force, the 1960 Home Olympics Bronze medal winner, brought the United States its third crown when he won a unanimous decision over Italy's Piero Brandi in the light welterweight bout. Daniels, of Seattle, Wash., bombarded his opponent with what he termed a newly-developed six-inch punch. Brandi, hoping to move to the inside, rushed Daniels, but was battered with left jabs to the head and the piston-driving six-inchers.

New Orleans born James Rossette of the Navy gave his team its fourth win in the finals in the middleweight event. His opponent, Mohamed El Gilaidy of the UAR, made his first appearance on the last night, but despite his advantage at having drawn byes the other nights, he was no match for the powerful New Orleans seaman.

The United States' four losses in the finals came at the hands of Hosny Saidahmed of the UAR, who decisioned Charles Brown of the Marines in the featherweight class; Luciano Piazza of Italy, who outpointed the Air Forces' Ralph McCoy of Richmond, California, in the welterweight event; Alesandro Mazzinghi of Italy, who TKO'd Aberdecn, Washington's Dean Harrison, of the Air Force, in 51 seconds of the first round in the light middleweight bout and Italy's Guilio Saraudi, a light heavyweight, who won a three-round decision over the Navy's John Hunter of Kitrell, N.C.

Abdel Moniem El Guindy, of the UAR, retained his flyweight title of last year by decisioning Tahar Tahrouni, of Tunisia, in the first bout of the final evening.

More than 14,000 military and civilian boxing fans watched the fighters from the eight nations parade before the visiting chiefs of delegations and dignitaries.

The Fort Dix commanding general, Maj. Gen. Sidney C. Wooten and CISM President Col. Henri Debrus, of France, praised the participants of the final banquet for doing honor to their country by competing in this famous military event.

HAMILTON AFB, CALIFORNIA

Air Force block busters bombed their way to victory over the big guns of the Army by taking six of the ten weight divisions up for grabs in the finals of the World-Wide Interservice Boxing Tournament at the North Recreation Hall. Air Force battlers entered the finals with seven boys seeing action and coming out on top to take the Interservice Team trophy for the second year in a row.

The Army runner ups entered the finals with eight mittmen but could do no better than to garner the other four crowns, and second place in the team standings. The Navy and Marines failed to place a winner in the Ninth Annual Interservice Boxing Tournament of Champions.

A crowd of nearly three thousand fans of the fistic art jammed the Rec. Hall as the boys fought it out in the finals. The action displayed by the finalists was that compared to many professional fighters entering the ring today. It was the same as they left the ring, as champions or runners up, they gave their all to win.

In the first bout of the evening Thomas Mathis, Dow AFB, Maine, and the only defending Interservice champion in the tournament successfully defended his Flyweight crown by taking a split decision from Robert Carmody, Army of Ft. Campbell, Ky. The bout saw lots of good fighting action with Mathis taking the lead with good rights to the mid-section of the Army boy. Carmody had a good left hook working but it wasn't enough to offset the rights scored by Mathis.

The bantamweight hassle between John L. Cereghin, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C., and Johnny Joiner, Ft. Campbell, was another action packed bout that had the fans roaring their approval. Both boys fought on even terms for most of the bout but the AF boy had the better of the match as he kept the Army lad on his toes trying to counter the strong right hand of Cereghin.

The featherweight bout between Henry Aaron, Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Charles Brown, of Camp Pendleton, Calif., was another exciting bout that ended in a split decision. Aaron's counter punching and combination rights and lefts took its toll on Brown as the Marine's straight left was not enough to take the crown.

In another close engagement the Lightweight boys battled it out at long range with Jim Richardson, Fuchu AB, Japan, winning over James Grant of the 504th Infantry, Germany. This was a left jab—left hook affair with the jab of Richardson scoring over the hook of Grant.

Quincey Daniels, Lackland AFB, Texas, had an easy time taking the Lt. Welterweight Crown from a game but out classed Paul Fujii of Camp Pendleton. A straight left jab by Daniels kept Fujii at arms length throughout most of the bout.

In the welterweight title bout, Ralph McCoy, of Hamilton, took a split decision over Maurice Frilot of Camp Pendleton. This evenly matched pair fought on even terms throughout the three rounds. Frilot took the fight to McCoy who put on a beautiful display of blocking and counter-punching. McCoy tagged the Marine with several good rights to gain the decision from the judges.

In the most exciting bout of the night it was Dean Harrison, of Hamilton, over Carlton Brooks, Ft. Campbell, by a TKO in 2:04 of the second round. Right from the start it was a power punching affair with Harrison being staggered on the ropes from an assortment of lefts and rights from the Army champ. Harrison recovered enough in the first to come back towards the end of the round to stagger Brooks in his turn with powerful hooks. In the second it was all Harrison as he continuously caught the Army lad with his left hooks to put him down for a nine count. It was all over a few seconds later as Harrison connected with a left right left combination and Brooks went down for the second time.

In the middleweight bout between William Parks, Ft. Bragg, N.C., and Emmett Jefferson, USS Sierra, the Army boy's left hooks and right combinations paid off as the countering of Jefferson was not enough to take the verdict.

The next bout was the Lt. Heavyweight affair between Gerald Pate, Ft. Campbell, and Fred Lewis of Hamilton. In this one both boys were scoring with Lewis using an overhand right while Pate made the most of it with both left and right counter punches. It was the countering over Lewis' right that won the bout for the Army champ. In the last bout of the evening the heavyweights put on a great show as the big left right combinations of the Army's James Johnson, of Ft. Campbell, overcame the late starting Albert Wilson, 3rd Marine Div., Okinawa, who used some good combinations of his own, but too late to offset Johnson's victory.

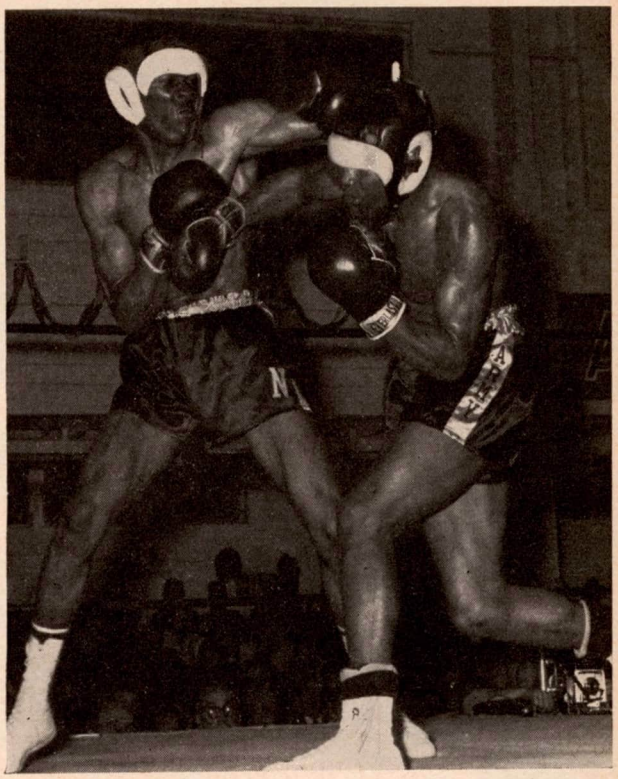
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

Six Pearl Harbor sailors traveled to Maui to participate in a weekly boxing card held at the Fair Grounds Stadium.

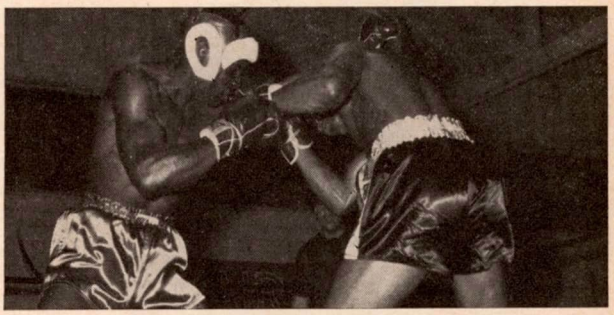
All six Navy fighters were matched and before a crowd of 1,500, staged one of the best boxing smokers since 1948, according to the boxing officials there.

Otha Biggs, 165, USS FLETCHER, and Bobby Sidney, 178, Midway Island, unable to find opponents in their weight division, put on an exhibition match. The stablemate pugilists, who have never sparred with each other, fought as though in real battle.

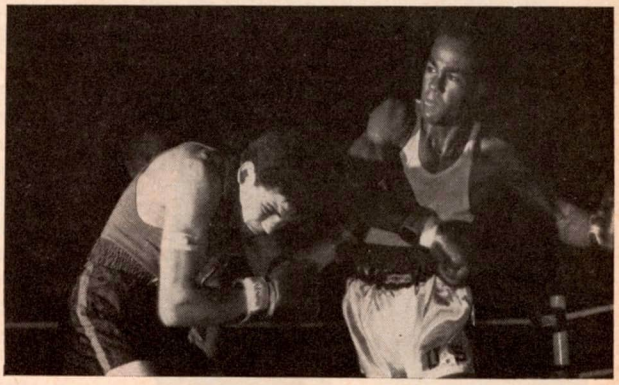
In the 112 pound class Stephen *(Continued on page 46)*



Emmett Jefferson, of the USS Sierra, tags William Parks, of Fort Bragg, N.C., with an overhand left as the Army boy throws a right to the body. Parks won this hard fought middleweight contest at Hamilton AFB, Calif.

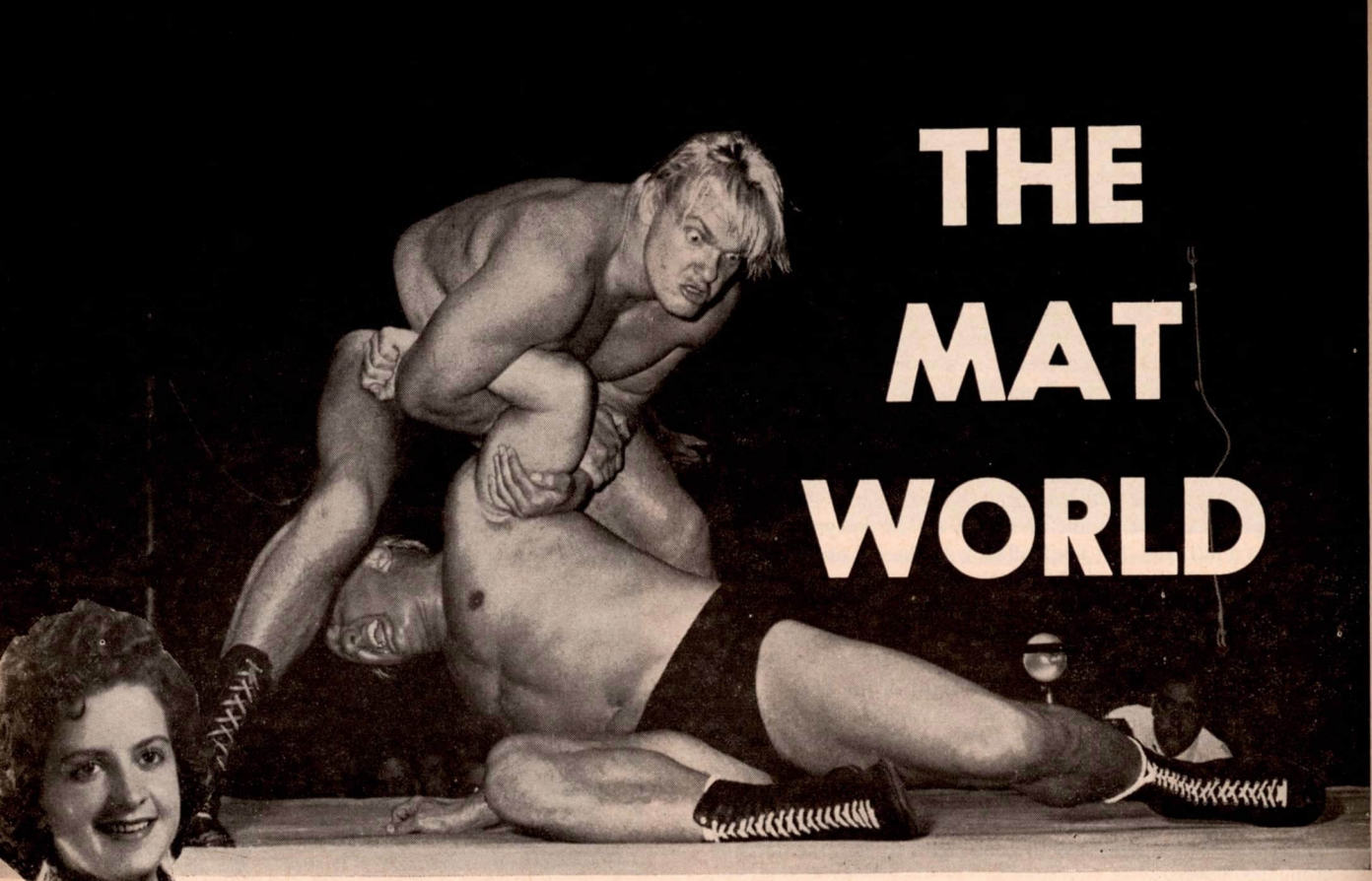


The Army's Gerald Pate, Fort Campbell, Ky., ducks a left thrown by the Air Force's Fred Lewis, Hamilton AFB as he goes on to win the light-heavyweight championship at the World-Wide Interservice Boxing Tournament at Hamilton AFB, Calif.



Quincey Daniels (right) the 1961 light welterweight CISM champ and 1960 Olympic bronze medal winner, drives a right to the head of Italy's Piero Brandi during the Fort Dix boxing finals. Daniels won the bout.

THE MAT WORLD



Buddy Rogers on canvas as Johnny Valentine gains momentary advantage in their Madison Square Garden match. The bout ended in a draw when time ran out. Left: The glamorus Brend Reed of Los Angeles, California, a black hair, brown-eyed lass, who stands on her twinkle toes some 5'5" and weighs 138 pounds.

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

PROMOTERS had better take heed lest wrestling fall on evil days. Some localities are falling back to the days of using the same old faces and denying youngsters a chance to break in. The days of the old "clique" system must needs be over. If we are to retain the immense interest that fans have manifested in the grunt and groan sport we must look to the future.

New faces will become tomorrow's stars and without adequate preparation the game can fall flat on its face in a few more years.

Colleges, the Armed Forces and even high schools have large interest on a participant basis and promoters must be prepared to give these youngsters proper schooling and then give them a chance to develop so that a new crop will be in the making for tomorrow.

Letters reaching this desk have occasioned my appeal. Fans stipulate that they are tired of the "rounds" of the same old faces.

Did you know that Torbellino Blanco, the masked Mexican fireball can speak no English? Si, is so, and that is why so many opponents theenk Blanco is cursing them when he mutters during a contest.

Tampa, Florida, hit its all time high in attendance under Promoter Cowboy Luttrall when 4,537 fans jammed the edifice to see two tag teams billed as the Germans and the Russians. Although the crowd was a record the gate receipts fell short of the all time Tampa show that featured Lou Thesz and Barone Leone, with Jack Dempsey acting as the referee. Incidentally, the winners were the German team of Kurt and Karl Von Brauner. The losers were the Russians: Boris and Nicoli Volkoff.

While mentioning Tampa, the City brings to mind an old friend, Pedro Godoy. We remember him when he wore the Ring Magazine belt in Hawaii, and that goes back a few years. Pedro is currently campaigning in the Cigar City and at the end of the summer will

probably move on to Mid West rings. Fans who have seen Pedro use his Boston Crab hold don't forget it easily.

Max Yeargain, Kansas and Vicinty boxing correspondent for many years writes that he is promoting wrestling now in that territory. He tips us to watch the wrestling of former Olympic grappling champ Dan Hodge. This is the second tip we have received on Hodge . . . none other than Ed "Strangler" Lewis picked the lad as a comer.

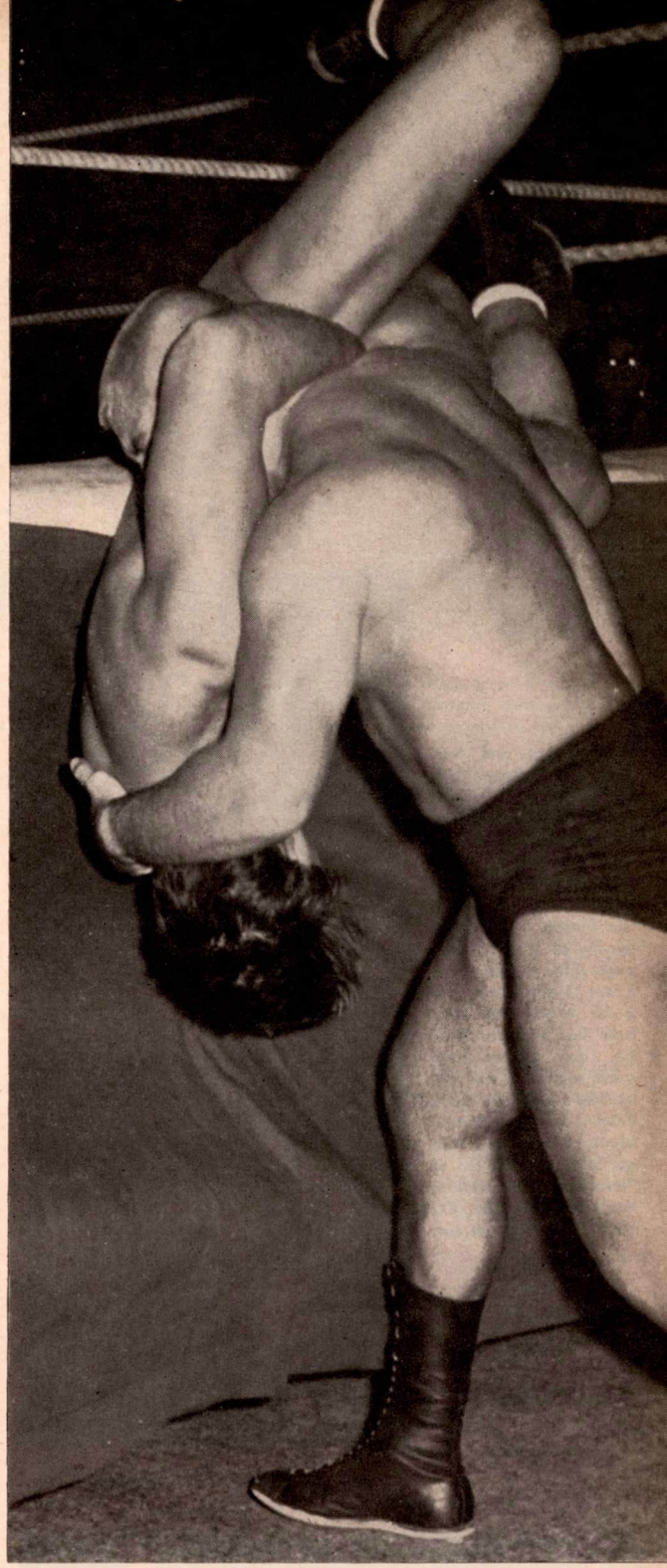
Had a pleasant talk the other A.M. with Jerry London, who was en route to Halifax. We will interview Jerry on his return through Gotham, for our readers. The lad has been around and should make a good yarn. While on interesting people we have met recently we come to a new lad with a build like "Mars" and a head like a movie star . . . with a name you old-timers will remember, Bill Zbyzko . . . Stanislaus was his uncle and this kid is a boy to watch. His home is in Winnipeg and he speaks Polish, Spanish and a leetle bit of Francaise. He toes in at around 237 pounds and stands 6 feet two and three quarter inches in his bare pods. He is currently circuiting in orbit around the Eastern territory and we will bring you his full story in the near future.

How many of you have caught a gander of the Kangaroos with that madcap manager, Red Berry. Red's professional mastery of the spoken word and the long phrase is worth the price of admission. He's as colorful as a manager as he was a wrestler and his charges Heffernan and Costello are also tops. A superb combo. Incidentally, Red still does a little groaning on the mat but most of his work is managing. Of one thing I am certain, Red was born with a dictionary and not a milk bottle in his hand.

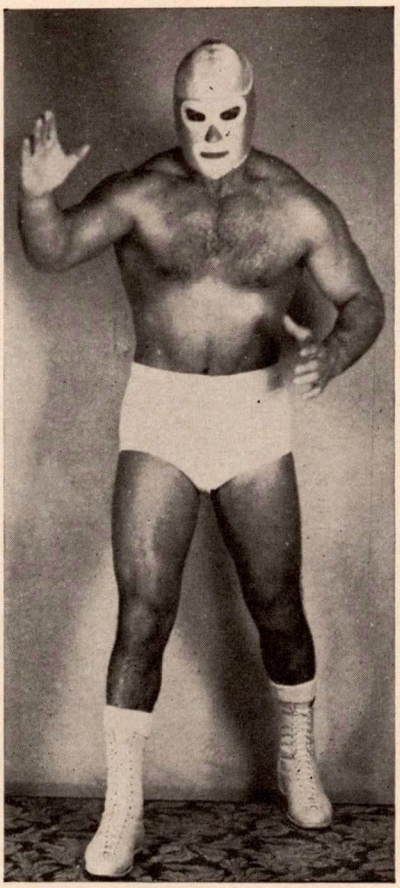
FANCLUB CORNER

This Corner has received word from Mary Hasley that the Jim Grabmire International FC will be headed up from here on in by Mary since Jeab Schulte has discontinued her club activities. Those interested in contacting Mary may do so by writing to her at RR 6-Faye St., Marietta, Ohio.

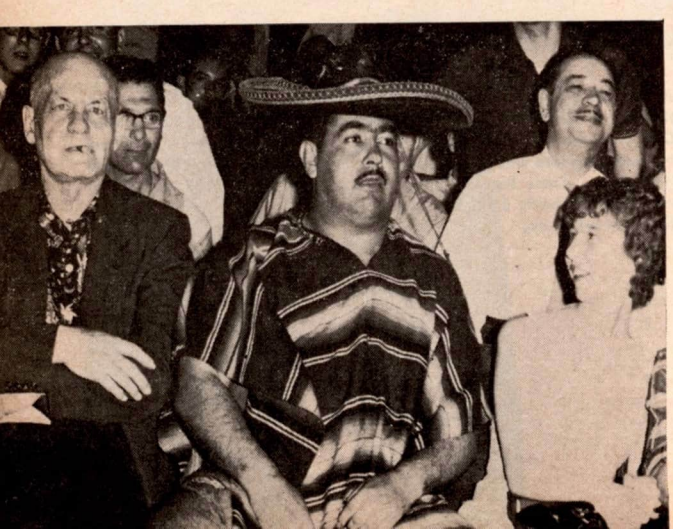
Steven Supakoff notifies us that he has organized an International FC for Abe Jacobs. Steven's address is 2831 Locust Ave., Ronkonkoma, Long Island.



Above: Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis rams the back of Emile Dupre into the side of the ring after the bout had moved from the ring to the isles. Dick won the turbulent contest held in Buffalo when Dupre was hurt by smashing into side of ring. Left: Vicki Page, the gal any man would gamble on. She's from Las Vegas, Nevada, weighs 145 pounds of muscle and stands 5'8". Her blue eyes and honey-colored hair make her a heart throb.



Above: Kurt and Karl Von Brauner discuss their contract with their manager, "Gentleman" Saul Weingeroff. Anyone asking for trouble better stay away from this fearsome trio. Right: Torbellino Blanco, the masked bundle of trouble, who packs 215 pounds on a 5 feet 11-inch frame that is all muscle. He hails from Guadalajara, Mexico, from whence have come many of the top masked men of the past. Below: we see Ramon Lopez, of Mexico, who got tired of the antics of "Dancing" Dick Nelson, his opponent, and decided to sit the bout out.



Golden Boy Dupre fans can write to Miss Janice Malames for membership to her new International FC. Janice's address is 33 Fairbanks St., Brighton 35, Mass.

Jim Hurray is anxious to add a few paying members to his FC for Eddie and Tony Gardenia (I understand the dues are 5¢) and the address is 1819 Greenleaf St., Pittsburgh 11, Pa.

My thanks to Virginia Phister for making me an honorary member of her Johnny Valentine International. Those wishing info may write to Virginia at 38 Longview Ave., Dover, New Jersey. Miss Barbara Ann Miller still has a few membership openings in her International Tito Carreon and International Tony Marino Fan Clubs. Contact the lady at 27 Oneida Ave., Rockaway, New Jersey.

Miss Vi Reuther is starting a new FC for girl wrestler Fran Gravette. She also has FC's for Ricki Starr and Carlo Milano. Her address is 55 Homestead Place, New Rochelle, New York.

I had a very informative and interesting visit with the attractive presidents—Miss Phister, Miss Miller and Miss Reuther here at my office. Enthusiasm like theirs proves that wrestling is a very healthy sport. When clean cut American girls like these can be interested as they apparently are, then the sport must have something.

WORLD RATINGS OF WRESTLERS

MEN

1. Pat O'Connor
2. Bearcat Wright
3. "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers
4. Johnny Valentine
6. Killer Kowalski
7. Edward Carpentier
8. Fred Blassie
9. Don Eagle
10. John Paul Henning

WOMEN

1. The Fabulous Moolah
2. June Byers
3. June Grable
4. Penny Banner
5. Rita Cortez
6. Lorraine Johnson
7. Nell Stewart
8. Millie Stafford
9. Judy Glover
10. Kathy Starr

TAG TEAM

1. The Kangarooes (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
2. Ben and Mike Sharpe
3. Bearcat Wright and Bobo Brazil
4. Lou and Red Bastien
5. Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski
6. The Smith Brothers
7. The Torres Brothers
8. John and Chris Tolos
9. Leo Nomellini and Wilbur Snyder
10. Hard Boiled Haggerty and Gene Kiniski

KURT & KARL VON BRAUNER

By Ken Mitnick

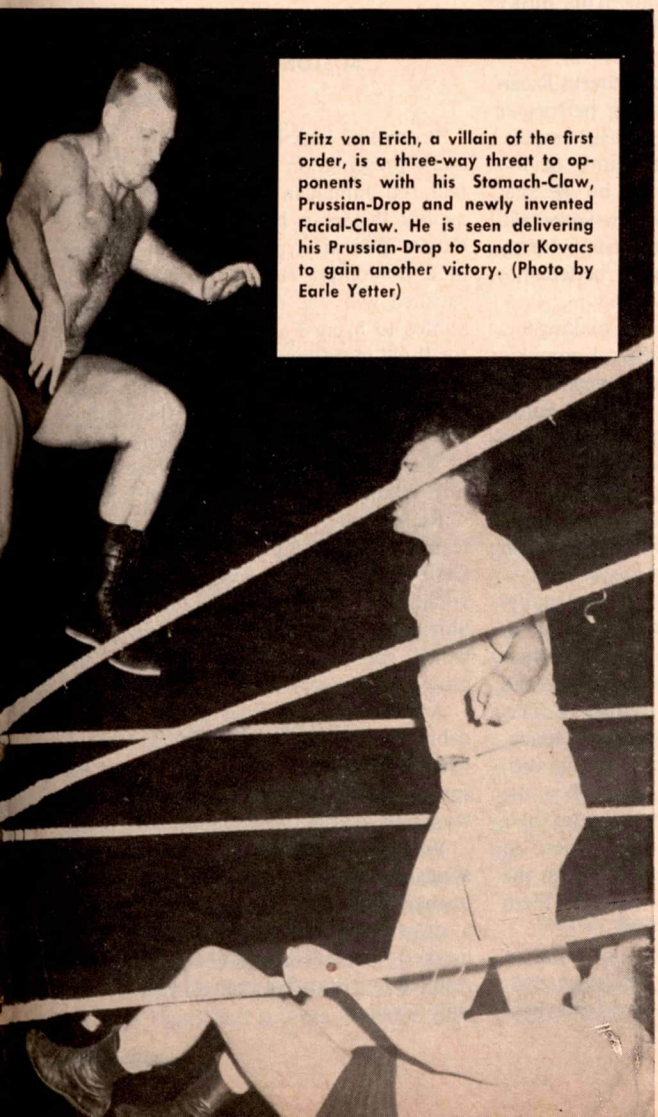
Chris Dundee, Miami Beach's dynamic wrestling continues to bring the finest in wrestling to the South Florida area. This time, he has brought in the most spectacular team ever seen in this area.

Eddie Graham, after nearly annihilating Boris & Nicoli Volkoff with his tag team partner, Ray Villmer, had this to say to the TV fans: *"That's not half of what we're going to do to those Nazis."*

Graham was referring to Kurt & Karl Von Brauner. Kurt, 238, and Karl, 234, are twin brothers, 29 years old. Both stand 5'10". Many of you wrestling fans will remember Ludwig Von Brauner who campaigned in Texas a few years back. All three, Kurt, Karl & Ludwig are from a family of wrestlers, The Von Brauners. Kurt & Karl were brought to the U. S. a year and a half ago.

They were discovered by a professional wrestler of 15 years standing who was touring Germany at the time, Saul Weinger-

The gal in the soap is none other than pretty Judy Glover, a women wrestler of top caliber, seen relaxing in her home at Raytown, Missouri, after a night in the ring. Miss Glover ranks ninth among world women grapplers.



Fritz von Erich, a villain of the first order, is a three-way threat to opponents with his Stomach-Claw, Prussian-Drop and newly invented Facial-Claw. He is seen delivering his Prussian-Drop to Sandor Kovacs to gain another victory. (Photo by Earle Yetter)

off. Weingeroff has since become the Von Brauners' manager, trainer, interpreter, and also tag-team partner in case of a six-man tag match.

The Von Brauners are more adept at the rough style of wrestling and can be classed with such notable matmen as Hans Schmidt, Killer Kowalski, Fritz Von Erich, Dick "The Bruiser," and the *"old"* Johnny Valentine.

Kurt and Karl have been wrestling professionally for six years. They were the European tag team champions before Weingeroff brought them to the Gold Field, America. Because of their aggressive ring style, their opponents have dubbed them "Weingeroff's Untouchables."

"Gentleman" Saul Weingeroff has been a professional wrestler for over 15 years. He stand 5'10½" tall and weighs 203. Weingeroff and the Von Brauners are the smoothest working team this author has ever seen.

They have beaten such well-known wrestlers as Guy LaRose, Harry Smith, Chief Big Heart, Don & Luke Fields, Ray Villmer, Eddie Graham, Killer Austin, Ike Eakins, Lester Welch, Joe Scarpa, Mario Galento, Boris & Nicoli Volkoff, Mark Lewin & Don Curtis, Joe Scarpello, Tito Carreon, Pedro Godoy and many others. They recently drew a record crowd of 4,537 at Tampa, Florida. They also drew a crowd of over 12,000 at Jacksonville, Florida in May.

In an interview with the German brothers, I was told that they like America and the American way of life but they think that the American wrestlers are too soft for them.

As far as hobbies go, the Von Brauners are speed fanatics. When they were in Germany, the boys won a lot of money in motorcycle racing. They are not settled in one city yet but hope to be soon. Weingeroff lives in Daytona Beach, Florida with his family. The Von Brauners are unmarried at the present time.

Karl Von Brauner has logged a number of flying hours and the Von Brauners have just bought a new plane.

"BIG" JIM GRABMIRE

By Mary Hasley

This outstanding wrestler, has come a long way up the ladder to success since he turned pro about six years ago.

Panama City, Florida, was the birthplace of handsome Jim, with the young wrestler later moving to Springfield, Ohio, where he now resides. He was active in all sports while attending school in Panama City, including football, basketball and swimming. From early childhood, his first ambition was to become a wrestler.

His first taste of professional wrestling was at Haft's Acres, Columbus, Ohio, when ex-champ Dick Hutton sent out a call to all challengers. He stayed in 9 min., after this he began training and later met Irish Mike McGee in his first pro bout, going to a draw.

Jim's travels have taken him to most parts of the U.S. and Canada. He has met many of the top mat stars, and some of the most rugged ones, including: Mr. America, Cowboy Bob Ellis, Verne Gagne, Killer Kowalski, Art Neilson, Ray Shire, The Bastiens, Yukon Eric, Bruno Summartino and Dick "The Bruiser," etc. Jim feels that Al Haft and Frankie Talaber are most responsible for his success in the wrestling world.

Yes, "Big" Jim is dynamite in the ring, he has class, stamina, and strength, and proudly possesses innumerable holds, which keeps opponents puzzled. Outside the ring he is a friendly considerate person. He has a very good sense of humor and can laugh when the joke is on him. His personality gains him fans by the score.

Grabmire stands 6 ft. 6 in., weighs 255 pounds—has brown hair (worn as a crew-cut) and hazel eyes. No pulling hair boys!

Jim has many hobbies, that is when he finds time for them, and his favorite dish is chili—favorite colors are red and black. He has great respect for his fans and looks for their loyalty above all. He approves 100% of Fan Clubs, and is very proud of the one operated in his honor.

EASTERN ACTION AND NEWS

By Earle Yetter

It is remarkable how the interest in wrestling does not seem to wane even during the warm months. To make the fans comfortable quite a few of the matches in New York and Ohio are taken outdoors under the stars. The same calibre of bouts is offered by Promoter Pedro Martinez as most of the big name stars now pencil in Buffalo as a big-time wrestling center.

Plans for the opening of the 1961-62 season includes many surprises. Big Don Leo Jonathon, 310-pound Mormon and Karol and Ivan Kalmikoff, Russian tag team are expected to make their presence known with Eastern fans. All of the shining stars are expected to make periodic appearances during the season. The Midget Brigades will also bring their mat magic with them during their visits.

While some promoters turn away from television as an uncertain element in their business, it has proven to be a bonanza for others. Studio bouts in Rochester, N.Y., created a 500% increase in attendance at the regular weekly matches in that city.

In Buffalo, studio bouts are held every Wednesday afternoon at the WGR-TV Channel 2 station. Nationally prominent sportscaster Bill Mazer does a professional job with the commentary on the bouts and sometimes he gets into a hassle with the more belligerent boys. These bouts are televised by Promoter Martinez for the sake of shut-ins and other convalescents who are unable to see the regular matches in person.

Newcomers who have made their debuts in the East, include Chet Wallick, Joe Swiderski, Domenic and Dino Bravo, impressive performers from Italy; Gene (Daddy) Lipscomb, Baltimore Colt's mammoth tackle who turns to wrestling during the off-season, and an unnamed 240-pound individual known as "The Crusher," who is now trying to make life miserable for his opponents. This husky hails from Spain and is brutal in his attacks.

Miguel Perez, sensational Puerto Rican star, has been an outstanding performer in single bouts during the past six months. In Buffalo, at the present writing he has equaled the record set up by Bearcat Wright in the Bison City five years ago when he rang up 18 consecutive victories. Perez's objective now is to better that record.

A real "rhubarb" is in the making between Fritz von Erich and Sato Keomuka, the Japanese karate and judo specialist. It seems that Von Erich handled Sato's brother, Duke, rather roughly in an Ohio bout in which Duke suffered a shoulder separation. As this goes to press Sato has challenged Von Erich for a show down bout and he wants to repay the German for the rough treatment of his brother.

John and Chris Tolos, a nationally-rated Canadian tag team, go all out in their matches on the mat, but in their spare time they are seriously concerned about the welfare of the teen-agers. This rampaging duo from Hamilton, Canada, known as "The Wreckers," are unmitigated fury in their bouts, but when the day comes that they want to hang up their wrestling paraphernalia, they expect to open health schools for youngsters in the hope that they will be able to make them better citizens of the future.

In recent bouts, Ilio Di Paolo, Italian Champion and one of the persistent challengers for Pat O'Connor's world title, held the Judo-chopping Sato Keomuka to a draw decision. Di Paolo surprised Keomuka by shelling out some judo of his own and it was a slashing bout all the way. Di Paolo has held Pat O'Connor to three draw decisions since the New Zealander has held the crown and there are many who believe that Di Paolo may some day become the World Champion.

It is said that Gorgeous George is now wrestling for the crumbs of wrestling . . . but those crumbs still mean an annual income of $100,000. The Georgeous One is still a big attraction in all parts of the country.

Other recent bouts saw Gene (Daddy) Lipscomb defeat Joe Swiderski with a bearhug in 6:12. Miguel Perez's explosive drop kicks subdued Larry Moquin, Montreal veteran, in 10:15. Former Champion Lou Thesz handed 310-pound Hercules Romero his first Buffalo defeat in 12:30 when he out-smarted the big Spaniard with a back flip and press. Sato Keomuka judo-chopped Bearcat Wright into submission in 11:38 in a real up-set.

Readers who desire answers to their inquiries are requested to forward self-addressed stamped envelopes for their replies. The writer can be contacted at 138 Lockwood Avenue, Buffalo 20, N.Y.

BOSTON MAT NOTES

By Al Krtil

Promoters Jack Pfefer and Tony Santos latest presentation at the Boston Garden featured Jamaican giant Bearcat Wright against Wildman Jackie Fargo in a wild, bloody pier six-type brawl which ended in a no-contest ruling. Wright was not satisfied with the decision, and he asked Santos to bring Fargo back into the ring for three more minutes, to end the match in a fair decision. Since wrestling in the south, Fargo has returned to the north as a vicious type of villain, a combination of Karl Von Hess and Roy Shire. A return match is awaited by Boston fans.

Ricki Starr returned to Boston and teamed with young Puerto Rican Eddie Ortiz to win over a couple of first class villains—Bull Curry and Frank "Bruiser" Shields. It was Starr's ballet movements which got Curry boiling mad, and the crowd loved every minute of it.

A special attraction featured the Boston debut of California's "Mr. Black Magic," who needed only 55 seconds to cast his spell over Pat Paterson of Montreal. He won with a series of body flips and a press.

Veteran Frank Scarpa, who is sure to appear on all Boston Garden main cards teamed with Jesse James and battled to a draw against Bull Montana and the masked "Great Kilroy." The opening bout resulted in a draw between Al Poholik and Billy Graham.

PHILADELPHIA

By M. J. Wetmore

In a main attraction a U.S. championship match between Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers, 242, Haddonfield, New Jersey, and Columbus, Ohio, and Sailor Thomas, 250, Madison, Wis. The mighty Sailor was able to thwart all offensive maneuvers of the champion, and had him in his famous bear hug, but Rogers broke away with a punch to Sailor's eye. Rogers then worked on the eye until both wrestlers were out on the ring apron. Thomas was able to give the Bear Hug again, but was forced to drop Rogers back in the ring after another smash to his eye. The Sailor was then counted out. He put another Bear Hug on Rogers, until restrained by his second, Sweet Daddy Siki, and three policemen. The time was 9:13.

The team of Fred Atkins, 254, Australia, and Taro Sakura, 233, Japan, nearly scored a major upset in their match with former champions, Don Curtis and Mark Lewin. The Japanese star gave Lewin a bad beating, until guest referee, Tony Galento, took a hand in the proceedings. In the wild melee that followed, Don Curtis pinned Atkins, in 11:40, with a snap mare and a drop-kick. The Sakura-Atkins team rallied for the second fall with Atkins taking Curtis in 4:18 with a front chancery-roll. The battered ex-champs got a big break when Sakura was disqualified for choking Lewin in a mere 0:53. Both referees were heavily involved in a general free-for-all in each fall, with Galento being acclaimed as the best official ever seen in this area.

On the under-card Sweet Daddy Siki won a rough contest over Angelo Poffo in 28:39 of a 30-minute scheduled match, with his "Jamaica Blockbusters" skull butts, after first eliminating Bronko Lubich before the start of the match. Billy Darnell easily defeated Miquel Torres in 7:03 with an airplane spin. Newcomer Vittorio Apollo, 214, licked Karl Von Hess, 223, in 11:16 with a tremendous flying jackknife off the top rope. The young Argentinian shows great promise. Dick Steinborn won over Red Grupe, 248, Germany, in the opener, when the German was disqualified in 13:10.

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MIAMI MAT MOTION

By Ken Mitnick

Here we go with the results of the month from the Sunshine State. Chris Dundee, Miami Beach wrestling promoter, continues to bring the finest in wrestling talent to South Florida. On a card from Miami Beach: Oscar "El Toro" Verdue, of Spain, wrestled the popular Joe Scarpello. The first fall went to Scarpello in 12:38 with two body slams and a press. The second fall also went to the crowd's favorite in 15:00 with an airplane spin and a press. Hans Schmidt, 240, beat Jerry Christy, 219. This match also went two straight falls. The first went to Schmidt in 10:23, with a backbreaker-submission hold. The second fall also went to Schmidt in 12:00 with two backbreakers across the knee and a press.

The main event of the evening was a real crowd-thriller, pitting the world tag-team champions, the German Von Brauner brothers and their manager, "Gentleman" Saul Weingeroff against Eddie Graham, 230, Tito Carreon, 220, and Ray Villmer, 224. The first fall ended when Weingeroff pinned Carreon at the 17:00 minute mark. The second fall ended when Tito returned the favor, at 5:00. The two referees awarded the match to Graham's team when the Germans got out of hand. One of the reasons for this match was that Eddie Graham wanted to get his hands on Weingeroff. Graham then challenged Weingeroff to a match where it would be just the two of them.

The following week was the date. Weingeroff made his point to Graham that he would be able to name his own terms. Graham wanted to get his hands on Weingeroff so badly that he consented. So . . . Weingeroff made his own terms; Graham had to pin him *twice* in twenty minutes or forfeit the purse. Graham agreed. The first five minutes of the match was lost because Weingeroff wouldn't stop running. When Graham finally did get ahold of him, he was like a wildman, winning the first fall in 15:30.

When the second fall started, Graham had Weingeroff pretty well under control. At about the nineteen-minute mark, Weingeroff pulled a small packet of salt from his trunks and threw it into Eddie's eyes. Naturally, this blinded Graham and he could not continue and the match was awarded to Weingeroff. At the present time, Weingeroff is complaining that Graham's Southern heavyweight title is rightly his, because he defeated him.

The preliminaries for that night were: Nick Roberts, 240, beat Doug Kinslow, 216, with a cradle hold at 12:00. Joe Scarpello, 216, beat Mark Stone, 230, in two out of three falls. The first fall went to Scarpello in 10:00 with two drop-kicks and a press. The second fall went to Stone in 6:00 with a neckbreaker. The third fall went to Scarpello in 6:30 with an airplane spin, and a press. The German Von Brauner brothers lost by a disqualification to the team of Tito Carreon and Ray Villmer.

NEWS FROM THE CAROLINAS

By Gene Gordon

A large turnout at Charlotte's Coliseum watched Buddy Rogers defeat Billy Darnell in the main event of an all-star card promoted by Jim Crockett. It was the second meeting between these two rivals with Rogers defending his U.S. heavyweight championship.

Southern tag-team champions George Becker and Sandy Scott continued their winning streak with a victory over towering Swede Hanson and Rough Bill Cole. A special event, which featured lady wrestlers and midget men in a mixed tag-team bout proved very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by all. Millie Stafford and partner Lord Littlebrook were victorious over Kathy Starr and Tiny Roe.

Chinese Terror, P. Y. Chung found a tough and clever foe in Joe Garcia. Garcia, from Mexico, a fan favorite, was giving his feared opponent plenty of trouble before falling victim to the Chinese-grappler's dreaded clawhold.

Chief Big Heart, a top man in wrestling, deserving mention in this column, was winner over the very strong and capable Mike Paidousis. A bow and arrow hold won the exciting match for the colorful Indian.

Abe Jacobs, clever New Zealander, has been rapidly hitting the spotlight in this area and gaining lots of attention since his debut here recently.

Ray Andrews, an outstanding young wrestling whiz, who made a great impression here last summer, has just returned to Carolina rings and looks better than ever.

Others now showing in and around the Carolinas and Virginia are colorful Jan Madrid, Spanish sensation, Johnny Heidman, a rugged veteran, Lee Garcia and brother Joe, Herb Larsen, Billy (Bulldog) Cox, skillful Steve Bolus, a scientific matman who shows lots of improvement, and Swede Hanson.

WILD WEST WRESTLING

By Gene Corey

There has been a lot of activity in the area this last month, with everyone after Iron Mike DeBiase. Many of the other wrestlers are of the opinion "that anyone of them would be preferred as NW heavyweight champion." Herb Freeman lost a heart-breaking match in his rematch for the title, which went a full 60 minutes without a fall, and Freeman figuring that he had Mike, asked for 5 minutes more which was denied him as the champion thought that he had more than enough of Herb.

Bill Savage finally got his title match, but he won the hard way as Mike lost on a disqualification thereby holding on to the title.

Luther Lindsay beat Mike DeBiase in what was one of the greatest matches ever seen in the NW and took the title in a no-disqualification match. Luther took the

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Tag Team Wrestling Is The Impetus of Continued Interest on the part of fans from coast to coast, as the greatest teams in the country are now appearing in the East under the Promotion of Pedro Martinez.

Talk about mayhem? The ring wasn't large enough for this slam-bang bout. John and Chris Tolos work on Bobo Brazil as his partner, Ilio Di Paolo closes in on the action. Ringside police had to break up this melee to protect the fans. Bout was halted.

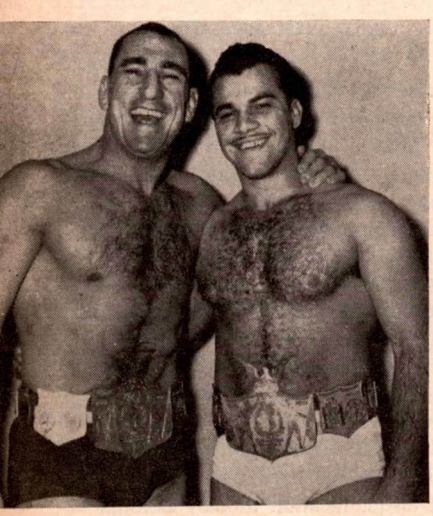
Story and Photos by Earle F. Yetter

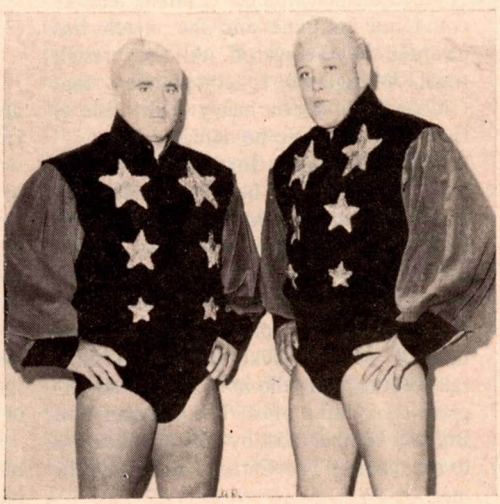
TAG TEAMS

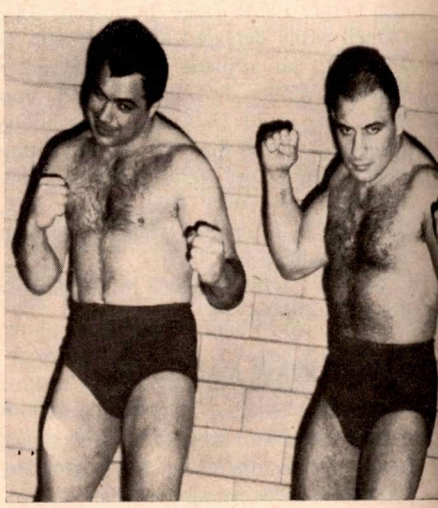
PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING today is regarded by millions of fans as the greatest body contact sport in existence.

Seeking to keep on a par with other sport attractions *"Something new must be added"* it appears. The stepped-up pace of modern wrestling has been readily accepted by the fans and wrestling will continue to be the favorite sport of millions.

It cannot be denied that wrestling, from time to time, goes into a tailspin in certain parts of the country. However, this has been traced to bad match-making on the part of some pro-







Top tag teams: Left to right—Antonio Rocca poses with his arm around Miguel Perez, his partner. This team is considered by many as the top team in the U.S. Next, is Roy and Ray Shire, a whirlwind Southern team, who claim many sectional titles. The third team is comprised of John and Chris Tolos, known as "The Wreckers From Hamilton, Canada." They're a top ranking team.

moters. When this happens, however, wrestling has a way of resurrecting itself from the doldrums.

After World War II the sport of wrestling took on a new aspect. Accelerated pace was the by-word and the sport received an immediate *"shot in the arm"* with spectacular action from coast to coast. To keep the pace, the tandem form of wrestling introduced years ago in Australia and known as tag team wrestling was brought to the fans for a "look-see." It was an immediate success, because it was something new and wrestling once more was resurrecting itself from the doldrums.

Tag team wrestling saw two wrestlers opposing two others instead of the usual one opponent against the other. The rules state that one wrestler is allowed in the ring from each team. Upon tagging his partner the wrestlers then take turns in seeking to gain an advantage over the other. This new spectacle presented action every minute and the fans drank it in enthusiastically.

As teams became organized from coast to coast, problems arose. The more belligerent teams at times got out of hand and violated the rules when all four participants proceeded to knock one another from pillar to post. It then became the job of the referee to uphold the rules and return the match to normalcy. But, the action, in the meantime, had put the fans on the edge of their seats, and so it was then tag team wrestling came into its own as something new and daring with *"knock-down"* and *"lay there and bleed"* routines that sometimes became appalling . . . but the fans craved such action. They reveled in the spectacle of the villains getting their ears pinned down by a couple of local favorites . . . to them it was retaliation in full and they insisted that no one interfere with the heroes' success. It was maudlin, slashing action, but it was what the fans wanted.

In New York's Madison Square Garden a team headed by Antonino Rocca, the South American phenom and Miguel Perez, Champion of Puerto Rico, came into being. They completely revolutionized the staid Manhattan fans with spectacular action and on more than eight occasions the team appeared before sell-out crowds. They battled such favorites as the Graham Brothers, The Fargo Brothers, The Tolos Brothers, The Shires and Skull Murphy and Karl von Hess to a standstill with action that saw everything in the books. Today, this team is the world championship tag team.

As the success of tag team grappling became apparent, promoters sought to obtain tag matches for their programs. Leading the parade to obtain the best tag teams possible was Pedro Martinez, upstate New York mogul who also books more than a dozen arenas in Ohio, Pennsylvania as well as New York.

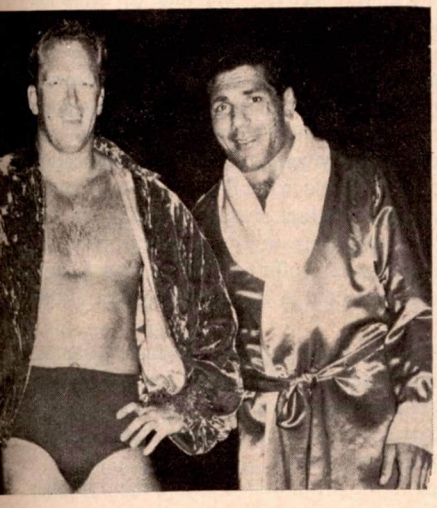
One of the first line teams to see action in New York State was Doc. and Mike Gallagher, two stout-hearted Irishmen from the tough waterfront city of Bayonne, N. J. They defeated the Miller Brothers on three occasions and then took apart such duos as the Brunetti Brothers, the Shire Brothers and numerous other combines and in 1959 they were chosen as the leading team in the country by Ring Magazine. Again in 1960, they received the honorable mention award by Ring Magazine.

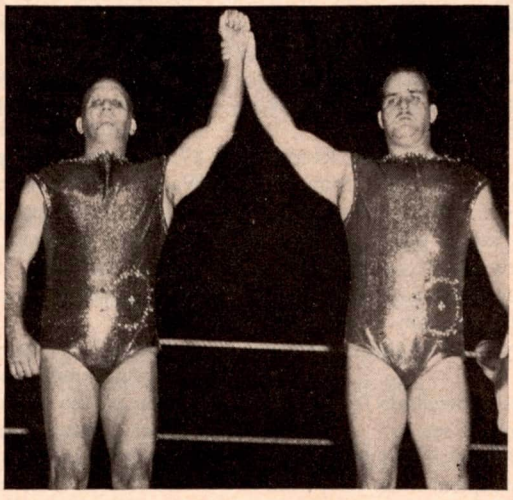
However, many other excellent teams are now challenging the Gallagher Brothers. Among them are Chris and John Tolos, "The Wreckers From Hamilton, Canada"; Duke and Sato Keomuka, two sinister judo and karate artists from Tokyo, Japan and the newly formed team of dusky artists, Bearcat Wright and Bobo Brazil.

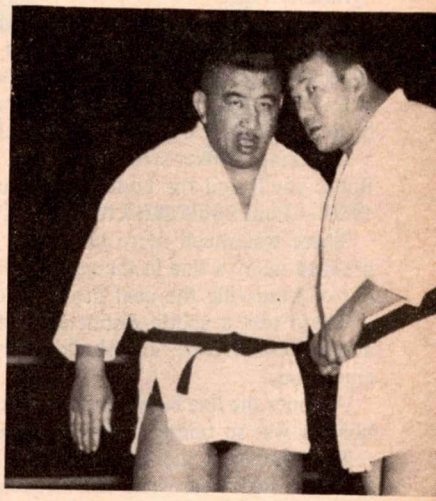
Chris and John Tolos, who also boast of a national rating in tag team circles, are all-out perpetrators of mat mayhem with as much action out of the ring and in it. Several matches in which they have participated in have wound up in ringside brawls among the spectators with ringside police being forced to carry them almost bodily to the dressing room.

Duke and Sato Keomuka, who rely on judo and karate to keep them out of harm's way are triple crown holders in that form of wrestling in Japan. They have forged to the front with several spectacular bouts in which the claret flowed freely. Both Oriental performers use cutting judo blows to the neck and all parts of the body. Both have appeared on television and have displayed the power in their fists. They can break bricks with one swipe of their hands. Imagine then the impact of these blows upon human flesh. They are a team that can raise havoc with assorted opponents and are not taken lightly in tag team circles.

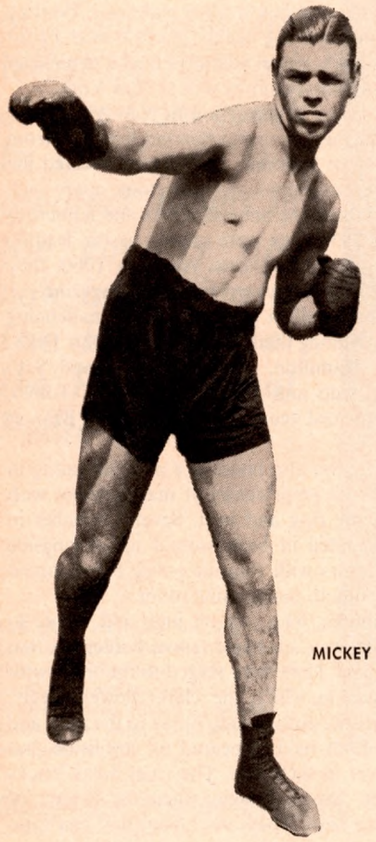
Another team forging to the front is that of Bearcat Wright and Bobo Brazil. Wright formerly was a partner of Sweet Daddy Lipscomb, while Brazil teamed with Leo Nomellini in a number of sensational bouts on the West *(Continued on page 44)*







Above left: Billy "Red" Lyons and Ilio Di Paolo, a popular duo, who have put on sensational battles wherever they appear. The middle panel frames one of the U.S.'s top tag team combines, Doc and Mike Gallagher, known as "The Belters From Bayonne, New Jersey." Last, but far from least, is the fearsome twosome of Sato and Duke Keomuka, who have crashed their way to success with judo and karate blows that leave broken men in their wake.



MICKEY WALKER

THE RING DETECTIVE

MICKEY WALKER

By DAN DANIEL

AN OUTSTANDING FIGHT has long been part of the gala doings on the eve of the Kentucky Derby in Louisville.

And so it was back in mid-day, 1930, the night before Gallant Fox, with Earl Sande in the saddle, was to win the traditional Run of the Roses.

This night the fight program headlined a world champion. It was middleweight Mickey Walker. His opponent was Paul Swiderski, a promising young light-heavyweight out of Syracuse, N.Y.

Although managed by the astute veteran Harry Lenny, and with advantages in height, weight and reach, Swiderski was not expected to cause Walker much trouble. Paul was a strong kid, a fair boxer and a good puncher, but he didn't figure to have the speed or experience of the champion.

Checking Walker's record in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, you'll find the bout listed in one brief line: "May 16, 1930 — Paul Swiderski, Louisville, Ky. . . . ND 10 rds."

There was much more to it than that. It was a bout that grabbed many a line in the various news dispatches that came out of Louisville the next day and for many days thereafter.

There was a subtle distinction between plain fakery, out-and-out connivance, and skullduggery born of the moment's emergency.

At times the line between these types of deviation from strict honesty was so faintly drawn you couldn't see it.

In those days the exchequer of Mickey Walker and his manager, Jack Kearns, needed frequent replenishing. They lived high and fast, and that called for plenty of ready cash. The replenishing usually was accomplished by a series of bouts with nondescript opponents, if no important match for big money was available.

When Walker was in peak condition and wanted to fight, he was one of the all-time greats of the ring. But when he was engaged in *dolce far niente,* he could be something less than a great champion. In the language of the trade, Mickey could be a bum or a reasonable facsimile of one.

For some six minutes that night in Louisville, Walker was a very reasonable facsimile of a bum.

The healthy purse Mickey had picked up for defending his middleweight title against Ace Hudkins in Los Angeles had long since evaporated. Out of the ring three months, Walker began his 1930 operations by beating Leo Lomski in Detroit. But then followed a strange program for a champion. He fought three times in one month, March, knocking out Jimmy Mahoney in Chicago, Charley Arthurs in Flint and Kayo White in Davenport. Whoever and whatever Mahoney, Arthurs and White were, they certainly didn't belong in Boxing's Hall of Fame. At any rate, continuing his tour of the hinterlands, Walker's next stop was in Louisville for the Derby Eve meeting with Swiderski. Mickey wanted to see the big race, and Kearns figured he'd cover his and Walker's expenses by taking a fight there.

The Louisville atmosphere in any week preceding the Derby is a raucuous one. You cannot get the real tone of the thing unless you've been there. The nearest thing to it is Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

The Louisville promoters, operating in the Armory, were delighted to get a great champion and popular personality like Walker for their Derby-eve fight. They promised to pay $7,500, certainly a good-sized coverage for all the jollification Walker and Kearns could assemble in the Blue Grass metropolis.

At it turned out, Mickey and Jack had to take $3,000. The fans were too busy concentrating on the race and virtually ignored the fight. The promoters offered Walker and Kearns two alternatives — cancel the bout or be satisfied with a $3,000 payoff.

Kearns had some difficulty locating Walker, who was bouncing around town enjoying himself. Jack finally located Mickey in one of the town's bars. Cancel out? Not a chance, said Walker. Three grand was better than nothing and he'd get rid of Swiderski as quickly as possible.

So Kearns went back to the promoters and told them Walker would accept the cut in wages and dispose of his opponent in jig time.

There was a behind-the-scenes situation in this match. Two years before Swiderski had served as Mickey's sparring partner for two fights. Paul was paid $5 per day, plus any black eyes and bruised muscles that Walker tossed in as a bonus.

Swiderski did not like Walker. Mickey did not like Paul. It was a situation with many parallels.

When Manager Lenny discussed the match with Swiderski, Paul was suffering from boils, but he begged Lenny to lose no time signing for the fight.

"I can clip Walker on the chin with my right any time I like," Swiderski announced. *"Boils or no boils, I know I can beat him."*

Swiderski envisioned himself as another Al McCoy, the so-called Cheese Champion, who had won the middleweight title in 1914 with a stunning one-round knockout of George Chip in Brooklyn.

As it happened, Swiderski actually did stop Walker in the first round, but skullduggery prevented the former sparring partner from cashing in on his startling success.

Far from being in top form, and careless of his opponent, Mickey was unprepared for Swiderski's opening-round assault. Officially Walker was down four times. The round had gone 2:30, with the champion sprawled out on the canvas, when the bell suddenly rang.

Who rang it? Not the official timekeeper. Kearns, never at a loss in time of dire emergency, sent trainer Teddy Hayes to rap the gong in time to save Walker from being counted out.

The fight had gone only a few seconds when the excitement started. Walker, determined to polish Swiderski off in a hurry, wasted no time uncovering his heavy artillery. But Paul was equally determined to make the most of his opportunity with no delay. He came out punching, too. The rivals connected simultaneously, and both hit the canvas. Paul pulled himself at six. Mickey needed nine.

Swiderski must have disliked Mickey heartily because when he dropped the champion for the second time, he kicked him. This was not regarded as unusual by the referee, whose identity has not been preserved for posterity.

Why the Kentucky State Commissioners, at the ringside, ignored the kicks has been explained, to some small extent, by the fact that Walker had got in wrong with them, and they were astimatic when it came to spotting kicks by Mickey's opponent.

At any rate, when the prematurely rung bell saved Walker, Kearns and Hayes dragged Mickey to his corner and did a brilliant job of resuscitation on him.

IN MYSTERY BOUT

PAUL SWIDERSKY

FOR SOME REASON, FANS BLAMED IT ON PAUL

Of course, tampering with the bell was not a new hunk of skullduggery. It has been done right through the years and quite often with the connivance of the man in charge of the gong. In fact, premature gonging has been charged even in New York, under the nose of Boxing Commissioners. The present day clocks discourage this sort of thing.

Well, there was Mickey Walker, middleweight champion, knocked out by Paul Swiderski. But Kearns and Hayes pulled the Bulldog out of trouble even as they had pulled other fighters out of the very jaws of defeat.

The official time keeper hollered his objections to the premature gonging. But the armory had become a mad-house. Nobody heard, everybody was hollering, and Walker was inert.

Now, there was an odd development. For some reason not apparent to the eye, the fans, as many as there were, blamed Swiderski for the riot and many of the redhots charged down to the ring.

A small squad of cops leaped into the ring, levelling Tommy guns at the fans.

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MAT WORLD

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first fall with a full nelson, then lost the second and came back to take the last fall by holding Iron Mike in a full nelson while they both were laying on the canvas.

The Midgets passed through the area, and showed us one of the finest matches ever put on here. Little Beaver and Tiny Tim teamed up with Chief Billy Whitewolf, against Sky Low Low, Pee Wee James and Tito Kopa. Little Beaver ended up getting chased around the ring after drop-kicking Kopa from off of the top rope, and then later hitting him in the face with his moccasin.

Billy Whitewolf and Luther Lindsay defeated Soldat Gorky and Kurt von Poppenheim to take the NW tag-team trophy. Kenny Ackles has left the NW for a jaunt to California.

Kurt von Poppenheim and his family are leaving for the summer on a combined vacation and tour of the U.S. Chief Billy Whitewolf is going to Hawaii for the summer, and is intending to enter the University of Hawaii to study for his masters degree.

MINNESOTA WRESTLING NEWS

By Norman H. Kietzer

The veteran team of Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski won an unpopular victory in a main event at the Mankato Armory. They beat the team of Leo Nomellini and Nick Roberts in 2 out of 3 falls. Throughout the match Stan and Tiny resorted to various unsavory tactics which the referee failed to see. In the semi-final, Minnesota's own Lorraine Johnson beat Millie Stafford in 2 of 3. Steve Druk and Jack Daniels drew in the opener.

St. Paul wrestling fans were given a rare treat and over 4,000 showed up for their first tag-team spectacular. In the opener Jim Hady and Tony Baillargeon defeated Tony Nero and Paul DeGaul in 2 straight falls. Next Millie Stafford and Judy Glover won 2 out of 3 from Lorraine Johnson and Kathy Starr. In the semi-final, Leo Nomellini and Wilbur Snyder were victorious over Bob Burns and Stan Kowalski. The A.W.A. world tag-team champions, Hard Boiled Haggerty and Gene Kiniski, whipped the team of Tiny Mills and Yukon Eric in the lumberjack style main event in 15:42 to top off the card.

Haggerty and Kiniski were disqualified in Minneapolis when they met Wilbur Snyder and Leo Nomellini. During the match Snyder slammed Kiniski to the mat and the ring collapsed. The referee tried to stop the match but Kiniski pounced on Snyder and got himself disqualified. Tony Baillargeon pinned Don Lee in the semi-windup, Jim Hady won by disqualification over Stan Kowalski in a special match, and Bob Geigel drew with Roy McClarity in the opener.

Leo Nomellini and Tony Baillargeon won on a disqualification when they met Mills and Kowalski in Mankato. At one time during the match Tony had chased both Mills and Kowalski out of the ring but after the match ended Tony was knocked cold by a fuming Tiny Mills.

Baillargeon and Kowalski also met in a single match in which Stan was disqualified. Roy McClarity used his sleeper hold on Rocky Don Lee to win a victory on the same card.

Hard Boiled Haggerty proved that he can wrestle without his protective mask on a recent St. Paul card. When he was putting it on his opponent, Jim Hady, ripped it from his grasp and threw it to Leo Nomellini, who disappeared. H. B., forced to wrestle without his mask, took care of Hady in 14:40. Earlier on the same card Nomellini pinned Stan Kowalski, Tony Baillargeon beat Tony Nero, and Roy McClarity stopped George Scott.

CLEVELAND NEWS

By Harold Walsh

Professional wrestling and amateur boxing is the steady bill affair for Northern Ohio fans in Cleveland, Akron and Canton. The first seven wrestling shows at the Cleveland Arena this year attracted a total of 63,000 paid admissions.

MATLINE – PITTSBURGH

By Evelyn Lesh

All day the weatherman had predicted thunderstorms, but that didn't stop 14,000 eager wrestling fans from paying slightly over $46,500 to witness the greatest wrestling card ever put on in this area. It was held at Forbes Field, the home of our world champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

The first match of the evening was between Billy Fox and Gypsy Joe. It bore more resemblance to a boxing match until Billy suddenly uncorked a series of dropkicks to flatten Gypsy for the pin. In the second preliminary match, Jimmy Dykes finally made his first local win as a single when Johnny Gilbert missed a dropkick.

Then the midgets arrived, as the team of Sky Low Low and Pancho Lopez met the team of Tiny Tim and Red Taylor. With four midgets and two referees chasing each other around the ring it was a circus. Although Sky and Pancho took the first fall, Tiny Tim and Red Taylor took over the last two falls to win the bout.

Because of the very threatening weather, the headline bout came on next. This was the one all Pittsburgh fans had been waiting to see as it featured Johnny Valentine in the becoming and unusual role of hero, against Crusher Lisowski, this area's most hated wrestler. Johnny finally caught hold of track star Crusher long enough to apply a series of punishing arm holds to Crusher's left arm. The crowd was solidly behind Johnny by the time Crusher was able to escape. Although he had one useless arm, his feet were still working properly and he began to use his "wrestling" knowledge to kick Johnny viciously in the rib cage. Once "Big John" was down Crusher alternated between kicking and stomping until he had Johnny in position for a knee-drop to the throat off the top ropes to win the first fall. Johnny had been badly hurt and it looked as though he couldn't possibly have enough stamina left to continue the match. When the bell sounded the Crusher attacked with what appeared to be Crusher's attempt at a sleeper. A lesser man than Johnny would have succumbed after the first five minutes, but he managed to hang on. Then he turned the tables on Crusher and got him in his famous backbreaker. Crusher quickly submitted and Big John made several victorious tours of the ring to the delight of the crowd. Crusher who was badly hurt and the crowd eagerly waited for the third fall. It was over almost before it began as Crusher stayed in his corner unable to stand without the support of the ropes. Naturally, Johnny tried to rush him but our local referee (who draws more boos than ANY wrestler) got between the two men to hold Johnny back. Crusher saw his chance and took it as he reached down between the referee's legs to trip "Big John," then shoved the referee down on top and as the referee rolled off Johnny, Crusher dropped down for a press and one of the fastest three counts I've ever seen. The Crusher had won again! But he needed two seconds to help him to the dressing room while the defeated Valentine strode victoriously from the ring amid the cheers of the crowd.

Things settled down to a quieter pace when young Carlo Milano took on and defeated veteran Judo Jack Terry. Then one of our local favorites, Ace Freeman entered the ring to deal with Moose Cholak. Ace had been heard to say earlier that the bigger they are the harder they fall and he certainly proved it when he needed only six minutes to pin Moose with his favorite cradle hold.

Originally scheduled for 2 out of 3 falls the next two matches became 1 fall affairs when it began to sprinkle. Another Pittsburgh favorite, Zivko Kovacic (pronounced COVE-a-chich) met the World heavyweight champion, Pat O'Connor. This fine youngster tried his best but was no match for Pat, who won easily with a cradle hold off the ropes.

Then "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers strutted into the ring in his inimitable manner to take on the massive Haystacks Calhoun. Buddy had boasted on local TV that *"the people won't have time to light up a cigarette before I'll have him beaten."* Al-

though Buddy was able to get Haystacks off his feet a few times it began to look as though Haystacks would make Buddy eat those words, but the wily veteran managed to throw Calhoun out of the ring. When he couldn't return in time the match was awarded to Rogers.

For a bangup finale, Donnie Fargo, our local clown prince of wrestling, teamed up with Skull Murphy and the Mighty Atlas to make one team in a six-man tag-team. The other team was composed of Bruno Sammartino, Billy Darnell and Sweet Daddy Siki. This was a wild match and seldom were there only two wrestlers in the ring at one time. The villains lost the first fall when two of them ganged up on Sweet Daddy Siki and were disqualified. They evened things up in the second fall when Murphy managed to pin Darnell. Then the heroes sent in Bruno against the Mighty Atlas, and that was the end as the great strength of Bruno was used against Atlas in a bear hug, forcing Atlas to submit.

ST. LOUIS WRESTLING

By Larry Matysik

World heavyweight champion Pat O'Connor stopped off in St. Louis this past month to headline a Kiel Auditorium mat card against the Seattle roughneck, Johnny Valentine, in a best of three falls battle. Valentine had met Pat before and had lost when he was counted out outside the ring.

A fine crowd of over 7000 saw the champion capture the first fall with one of his favorite maneuvers, a reverse cradle. The 242-pound blond bounced back to take the second fall with an atomic skull smasher. The rugged third fall went to the very popular champion with the hold he won the title with, a spinning leg lock. That was three years ago when Pat stopped then champion Dick Hutton in 15:03 at Kiel.

The tag-team semi-final was a minor upset which saw the fans' favorites, John Paul Henning, and Guy LaRose take two straight but rugged falls from the monstrous Wladek "Killer" Kowalski and Rip Hawk. The Toledo Terror Hawk and Kowalski were disqualified in the first fall, and the sensational Henning pinned Hawk in the deciding fall.

An all-star undercard saw Millie Stafford surprise Judy Glover in a top-notch girls' bout. Newcomer to the wrestling scene here, 290-pound Don Leo Jonathan, clobbered crafty Thor Hagen, Cowboy Bradley drew a victory against Tiny Roe in a midget bout, and the opener saw Bobby Graham hold the Yokohama Weirdo, Taro Myaki, to a draw.

The feud between John Paul Henning and the strutting U.S. champion, Buddy Rogers, has just about reached the boiling point. An exchange of telegrams between Rogers and St. Louis promoter Sam Muchnick did nothing but harden feelings. Buddy claims that he beat J.P. fairly (huh!) and that he will give Henning a rematch anytime. Before he is allowed to fight in Missouri again, the State Athletic Commission has said he must wrestle John Paul Henning.

Former world champion, "Wild" Bill Longson, promoted a top-notch card at the St. Louis House recently. In the main event the very popular John Paul Henning continued his winning streak by taking two straight falls from Taro Myaki. The tag match saw The Brute, a newcomer, and rugged Rip Hawk lose on a third fall disqualification to agile Guy LaRose and Ray Gordon. Kathy Starr upset Millie Stafford, and trial horse Carlos Rodriguez was held to a draw by young Bobby Graham.

LOS ANGELES WRESTLING

By Mike Stensvold

Big news in Los Angeles are the five championship matches scheduled for the Los Angeles Sports Arena as we went to press. Fred Blassie will face Edward Carpentier for the U.S. Championship. Lou Thesz will defend his International Championship; Gene LeBell, his judo championship; likewise, Billy Varga will defend his American Championship. Mike and Ben Sharpe will appear in the tag-team championship match.

Olympic Auditorium results: The 360-pound Zebra Kid defeated 198-pound Silent Pedro. Mr. Moto again used karate blows, this time defeating Vic Christy and Lou Thesz took two straight falls from New Zealand's Prince Meretana; and Samson Berg won over Enrique Romero when the latter was injured.

In the main event, Fred Blassie and Mike Sharpe faced Ed Carpentier and Nicky Bockwinkle. After each team had won a fall, the fireworks started. Carpentier was beating Sharpe and Mike tried to tag Blassie, but Fred wouldn't tag Mike. Twice this happened, then Mike got mad. He ripped Blassie into the ring by his hair and began to give the classy one the worst beating of his life. Needless to say, Sharpe and Blassie were disqualified. In the dressing room after the match, Fred broke a chair, and was fined $50.00. He was fined because he broke the chair on Mike's head.

Naturally, all this led to a main event pitting Mike and Fred against each other. The first fall went to Blassie in a little over twelve minutes. Mike Sharpe took the second fall by smashing the classy one into the ring post again and again. The last fall was taken by Blassie when Sharpe tripped and Fred fell on him. Blassie was the winner, but the mat was red from his blood.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ACTION

By Don Fricke

Since the invasion of Southern California by Freddie Blassie, there has been an eruption of fury and resentment. His maniacal temperament has earned him the hatred and malice of both the fans and the wrestlers alike. During his rampage here in the Los Angeles area, Blassie has subdued Sandor Szabo, Lord James Blears, Nicky Bockwinkle, Sammy Berg, and Mr. Moto.

In response to popular request Promoter Jules Strongbow matched Blassie with the American champion, Billy Varga, in a special 90-minute contest under rough house rules. A near capacity crowd of 10,204 fans thronged Los Angeles' Olympic Auditorium to watch two of the nation's wildest and roughest wrestlers in a battle for survival. After a tremendously brutal match, each grappler had taken a fall when Varga was disqualified and amid the vehement jeering of the fans, Freddie Blassie was once again proclaimed victor.

The semi-final saw Cowboy Dick Hutton take the measure of Art Mahalik.

Big Mike Sharpe is also in the area and was vanquishing all opposition until he met defeat at the hands of the great Lou Thesz. Several days later he lost two straight falls in an unsuccessful attempt to wrest a version of the world championship from the fabulous Edouard Carpentier. Mike has teamed with Freddie Blassie and so far, they have shown their supremacy over all tag teams in the area.

Ever since wrestling was resumed in Pasadena on March 20, the arena has been filled to its capacity every Monday evening. Promoter Mike LeBell has done an excellent job in matching the finest wrestlers in the vicinity. It was in Pasadena that Ed Carpentier defeated Mike Sharpe, Mr. Moto, and Hans Herman. Without a doubt, Mr. LeBell's dazzling matches will continue to captivate Southern California fans.

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power? Is it fear?

Only they can answer these questions properly.

The mobsters whose names adorn pages of the transcript of the Kefauver investigation, are not the only ones who have brought the sport to its present low level. Television, which now wants little to do with the boxing business, also played an important part in the sport's destruction.

Promoters, in desperation to fill the three television cards that were being staged weekly, often headlined the cards with attractions that weren't worthy of a national hook up. The main event fighters often were well past their prime. But, the Senate investigation showed they had the proper connections — Carbo, Palermo, Genovese, Anastasia among others, were often foisted on the public until the golden goose was killed.

The evidence before the Senate Commission proves the case against the big time promoters and matchmakers who catered to the underworld.

Underworld influence is nothing new in boxing. We had it in the prohibition era when such unsavory characters as Owney Madden, Bill Duffy, Dutch Schultz, Vannie Higgins, Legs Diamond, Kid Twist, Spanish John, Boo Boo Hoff, Marty Krompier, Mad Dog Vincent Coll, Waxie Gordon, Frankie Yale, Big Frenchie, Little Augie, Frankie Marlow and Al Capone among many others of that ilk snatched fighters from legitimate managers, sometimes paying a small fee but more often not.

But they were not as ruthless as the present crop of undesirables. They didn't carry on by means of threats. They had under their control fighters who were pleasing performers, and when their boxers appeared on a Garden card or in another major arena, it was because they had ability and not because those who controlled these boxers held the whip hand over the promoter as the evidence obtained by the Senate Commission clearly showed.

Jim Norris, testifying behind closed doors, offered the explanation that unless he sought the protection of Carbo and Palermo, he would have found it impossible to run his television shows.

Truman Gibson, answering one of the many questions asked by Jack Bonomi, the Committee's legal counsel, said that Norris and Carbo ran boxing.

The Committee actually established through Gibson, Norris, Hymie Wallman, Bernie Glickman, and several others that the once all-powerful International Boxing Club did most of its thriving business through Carbo and his henchmen.

Most of what was brought forth at the Senate hearings was common knowledge among the better informed sports reporters, but couldn't be published for fear of libel suits because they were in no position to prove their case. But where there is smoke, there is sure to be fire and the fire broke out in full force at the hearings. Now thanks to Senator Kefauver and his aides—John G. Bonomi, Paul Rand Dixon and James McShane, we know for certain who was who in the shady boxing manipulations.

Herman Wallman, manager of Alex Miteff, Orlando Zulueta and many other prominent boxers who appeared on TV cards with regularity, provided astonishing testimony when he told of his conferences with Norris, Billy Brown, Jimmy White and Carbo in Wallman's home. He pictured Carbo as the "small boss" with contacts and influence, while Norris, president of the now dissolved International Boxing Club, he described as "the big boss" who provided the money. As for Palermo, he was named in the hearings as the custodian of the Carbo kingdom during Frankie's incarceration.

According to the testimony of Wallman, Willie Ketchum, manager of Davey Moore, world featherweight king; Billy Brown, Garden matchmaker, who got his job through Carbo and Wallman himself, each was accused by Frankie of not "kickin' in" with his share. Wallman testified that Ketchum and Carbo were partners in the management of Jimmy Carter when he was the lightweight champion.

Wallman's testimony at the hearings figured largely in bringing to light the activities of Carbo. He told the committee that in January, 1958, Frankie telephoned from Florida where he had been hiding out on the New York Grand Jury and bitterly complained:

"I can't eat no dust or coconuts."

He also testified that Carbo was greatly displeased with the manner in which Billy Brown was operating the matchmaker's post in the Garden and he daily kept calling Wallman up to relay Carbo's displeasure to the matchmaker.

"What's going on up there with Billy Brown?" Wallman quotes Frankie as asking.

"Everything he is trying to swallow up for himself. Every manager that comes, he's trying to get a hold of for himself. What's he trying to do, steal the world."

Brown is reported as answering: *"I'm not doing nothing. He's Crazy."* When this message was relayed to Carbo by Wallman, Frankie replied:

"I'm laying down in Miami. Everybody is making money. I get nothing. Ketchum is running loose by himself. It's about time I started collecting."

It is interesting to note that New York, and many other states require all persons who are directly interested in the ownership of a boxer, to be registered with the boxing commission. But Illinois, in which most of the Wednesday night television shows were staged in the past few years, had no requirements so far as undercover managers were concerned. This was brought out in the testimony of Truman Gibson, who when asked by Bonomi whether he was aware of the fact that Blinky Palermo had a "piece" or interested in Sonny Liston, replied:

"I was told that Palermo had an interest or "piece" of Liston."

"And Palermo told you so?", continued Bonomi.

"Yes, he did."

"Is that the first time you learned that Palermo had an undercover financial interest in Sonny Liston?"

"Well, you refer to "undercover"; there was no such thing in Illinois, Mr. Bonomi, as an undercover piece of a fighter. It was undisclosed, but there is no law in Illinois that requires the disclosure of an interest in a fighter."

The above is another strong reason why uniformity of rules and regulations are necessary in boxing.

The relationship between Frankie Palermo and Frankie Carbo has been known for years among close followers of boxing. Yet when the New York Commission revoked the license of Palermo, several of the more influential states of the National Boxing Association—Pennsylvania and Illinois, for example—immediately threw the harpoon into the New York Commission's effort to cleanse the sport by issuing a license to Palermo and permitting him to operate in those states. It was not until a much later period that they followed suit when Palermo came under police scrutiny.

In the hearings at Washington, we find in the script the testimony of Truman Gibson which clarifies the matter.

Mr. Bonomi to Mr. Gibson—*"Do you recall testifying about the relationship between Frank Palermo and Frank Carbo?"*

"Yes, sir."

"It was close, was it not?"

"Yes, it was."

"Very close, is that correct?"

"I said close. Very close was your expression."

"Wouldn't you say that Mr. Palermo was one of Carbo's chief Lieutenants?"

"I wouldn't say anything like that."

"How would you characterize the relationship?"

"I wouldn't know. I would say he was very close to Carbo."

Thus we see the strong link between men who have been characterized by the Kefauver Commission as two of the top in boxing racketeering.

In Los Angeles, a Federal jury found five men named in the hearings guilty of trying to muscle in on the earnings of Don Jordan, world welterweight cham-

pion. After thirteen weeks, the jury convicted Truman Gibson, Joe Sica, Frankie Carbo, Louis Tom Dragna and Frankie Palermo of extortion and conspiracy.

Gibson's conviction came as a shock to his many friends, but not that of the others. Gibson, a successful lawyer, an assistant to the civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson in World War II, recipient of the Medal of Merit in 1945, and a member of President Harry Truman's Committee on Morals, Character Development and Religion in the Armed Forces in 1948, had the post of President of the International Boxing Club thrust upon him by Jim Norris, the multimillionaire sportsman. It was while in that office, that Gibson's troubles began. He found himself surrounded by the unsavory characters who as mobsters had done business prior to Gibson's ascension to the throne and according to his own testimony both before the Kefauver Commission and the Federal court in Los Angeles, he dealt freely with the hoodlums because he had no real choice in order to keep up the prestige of the Norris monopoly.

There is a strong feeling of sympathy for him by boxing followers because he is a victim of a system he did not create, an excellent lawyer and a man of high standing in his profession.

On the final day of the hearings in the old Senate building, Gene Tunney, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Abe Green of the N.B.A.; Jack Urch of California, Admiral Bergen of Madison Square Garden; Rocky Marciano and the writer appeared to testify as to their views concerning the desirability of the appointment of a Federal Commissioner to save the sport. Tunney, spoke of the inefficiency of present day commissions and, to strengthen his argument, stated that he knew that Ingemar Johansson went into the fight with Floyd Patterson a sick man.

"He had a brain concussion," said Gene, *"and was flabby and ill-conditioned. He was physically unfit yet he was permitted to fight for the world heavyweight title,"* declared Tunney.

When asked by Senator Kefauver if I accepted Gene's statement as a fact, I declare I did not. I disputed Gene's claim that no encephalograph examination was given to Johansson to determine a brain injury and declared that so far as I was aware, Ingemar was given such a test in Europe and was in perfect physicial condition. Attested by three Florida doctors and Dr. Benson, Johansson's personal physician. No fighter with a brain injury could have accomplished against a clever boxer like Patterson, what Ingemar did in that first round in which he almost regained the throne.

In the next issue our review of the evidence submitted to the Senate Committee on racketeering in boxing is concluded.

WORLD RATINGS

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Morales, 2, but lost to Tony Noriega, 10.

Texas Hurtado kayoed Alex Arenas, 6. Frank Ramirez stopped Jerry Hunnicutt, 7. Willie Ross kayoed Lulu Lopez, 3, and beat Ramon Hernandez, 10.

Kid Rayo stopped Indio Veloz, 10. Indio Gonzalez bested Antonio Ramirez, 10, then lost to him in 10. Mickey Zielke defeated Don Jose, 8.

Jimmy McGrail outscored Roy Ashie, 8. Tony Noriega outpointed Marcellino Vargas, 10. Sugar Cliff defeated Georgie Wyatt, 6. Ike Vaughn defeated Tom Dennis, 10.

Joe Salci whipped Ronnie Cohen, 10, but lost to Boswell St. Louis, 10; St. Louis also stopped Tony Mancini, 6. Cal Brown and Mel Ferguson, drew, 8. Stefan Redl defeated Johnny Gorman, 10.

Rickey Ortiz won over Kenny Bryant, 6. Kenny Tavares defeated Paul Christie, 6. Joe Alfaro won from Al Andrews, 6. Henry Watson defeated Charlie Patterson, 6.

Johnny Wallace whipped Rudy Prince, 6. Dick Knight stopped Rocky Hull, 4. Tito Velez defeated Johnny Torres, 6.

Dean Crisp kayoed Georgie Duarte, 1. Jay Roach whipped Tony Lazu, 6. Walter Daniels and Vince Shomo drew, 6. Ike Vaughn halted Harry Irwin, 3. Ricky Oritz defeated Kenny Bryant, 6.

Sixto San Miguel kayoed Joe Louis Hargrove, 4. Don Manni whipped Frankie Madison, 6. Daulton Caro kayoed Erasmo Mercado, 5. Jose Leon Garcia defeated Bobby Douglass, 6.

Bob Fosmire stopped Dave Ouevas, 2. Bobby Hurtt defeated Billy Robinson, 5. Henry Hall decisioned Andero Gonzales, 6.

Negro Alcala drew with Hernan Gonzalez, 6. Gabe Cavazos stopped Wayland McMillin, 1. Glen Holloway stopped Willie James, 5. Jimmy Dorsey won from Peanuts Arsenault, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Paolo Rosi upset Len Matthews, 10.

Flash Elorde outpointed Giordano Campari, 10, Giordano had kayoed Bruno Ravaglia, 1.

Eddie Perkins upset Carlos Hernandez, 10, and beat Baby Vasquez, 10. Baby then beat Beto Gerardo, 10. Kenny Lane outscored Manual Gonzales, 10, but was held to a draw by Curtis Cokes, 10. Paul Armstead outpointed Joe Lopes, 10.

Manuel Alvarez upset Alfredo Urbina, 10. Daniel Berrios whipped Tommy Tibbs, 10. Ben Medina halted Fidel Lucero, 7.

Eddie Garcia kayoed Marvin Carter, 5. Fred Martinovich decisioned Dick DiVeronica, 10. Lou Molina defeated Cisco Andrade, 10.

Chico Diaz defeated Bennie Gordon, 10; but lost to Lou Capellano, 10. Fighting San Carlos whipped Ben deVilla, 10. Jose Stable stopped Sid Adams, 6. Fred Galiana defeated Mario Vecchiatto, 10. Vicente Derado bested Vicente Vezzoni, 10.

Chato Cardenas defeated Enrique Camarena, 10. Stanley Wilson stopped Fenley Hooker, 7. Victoro Guzman stopped Cordoba Rodriguez, 7. Guero DeLeon kayoed Hector Ramirez, 7.

Nicolino Loche stopped Julio Catalini, 10. Rolando Mendoza stopped Rafal Camacho, 8. Ramon Castelum kayoed Tony Lopez, 10. Ernie Cuadres halted Rudy Jimenez, 9. Al Medrano outscored Harry Campbell, 10.

Johnny Cooke outpointed Roy Jacobs, 8, and drew with Epiphane Akono, 8. Rip Randoll stopped Vic Graffio, 9. Eloy Henry whipped Melvin Bourne, 10.

Wendell Douglas won over Walter Taylor, 6. Julio Lopez bested Hart Grant, 8. Tommy Johnson defeated Dave Shade, 8. Vicente Ramirez defeated Pollo Gabino, 10.

Juan Prieto stopped Arturo Macias 2. Frankie Hardison stopped Luigi Castoldi, 8. Tony Perez defeated Andres Garcia, 10. Abel Laudonio kayoed Guilermo Hollman 4.

Francisco Cancio kayoed Remolino Lugo, 1. Baby Reyes won over Kid Roma, 10. Ruben Herrera whipped Alberto Cantu, 10. Miguel Rojas won over Samuel Villanueva, 8.

Arnie Cotarobles and Dusty Brown, drew 6. Jerry Mullen stopped Bobby Brown, 2, and beat Rudy Rodriguez, 6. Tom Griffin whipped Tom Lowery 6.

Les Sprague kayoed Claude Romero, 3, and Andre Millete, 4. Leo Pitcher defeated Wesley Morgan, 5. Joe Shaw kayoed Billy Brooks, 1. Leroy Jones whipped Rollie Thibault, 6.

Tyrone Gardiner defeated George Munroe, 6. Vinnie Hines defeated Dave Camacho, 6. Al Grant stopped Marcellino Vargas, 8.

Eddie Garcia kayoed Dinamita Rojas, 2. Billy Braggs stopped Bobby Sparks, 2. Hachiro Ito kayoed Kang Han-Soo, 1. Freddy Jackson beat Wilson Harris, 5.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

European champion Gracieux Lamperti stopped Robert Meunier, 5.

Sugar Ramos kayoed Bobby Cervantes, 4. Sergio Caprari kayoed Assane ben Hattab, 3.

Ray Nobile whipped Manuel Sosa, 10; and Jackie Chauveau, 10. Ricardo Gonzalez kayoed Gonzalez Neyra, 3. Bernie Taylor kayoed Steve Fleischman, 4. Danny Valdez kayoed Tony Herrera, 8.

Roberto Palavccino defeated Alfredo Nunetta, 10. Ray Ruiz whipped Chilo Barranco, 10. Jose Lopez stopped Abe Villa, 6.

Auburn Copeland defeated Young Terror, 10. Efren Jimenez kayoed Jorge Salazar, 3. Don Johnson outpointed Baby Brown, 10, and stopped Willie Woods, 8.

Danny Kid stopped Goyo Flores, 10. Jose Lopez kayoed Babe Laredo, 2. Anselmo Hernandez upset Chiquis Rosales, 10. Ken Fields defeated Johnny Morrissey, 8.

Jose Luis Cruz kayoed Claudio Adame, 7. Tito Marshall stopped Cristobal Gonzalez, 3. Lauro Garcia scored over Henry Macias, 10.

Vernon Lynch defeated Theo Cruz, 10. Cain Rogero whipped David Rodriguez, 10. Pulga Serrano defeated Teddy Rand, 10 (twice); Teddy bested Danny Brown, 10. Mario Diaz whipped Fanchito Macias, 10.

Luis Ramirez stopped Roman Rodriguez, 7. Jose Luis Valdez won on a disqualification over Chebo Vazquez, 5. Pulga Garcia kayoed Gallo Garcia, 3, and Saul de la Rosa, 3. Beto Martinez decisioned Pablo Cabrera, 10.

Alberto Martinez won over Heliodoro Hernandez, 10. Jose Aparicio defeated Luis Jimenez, 10; and stopped Cuco Rodriguez, 8. Gallito Gonzalez kayoed Rigo Guadarrama, 10. Manuel Ochoa whipped Rafael Sotelo, 10.

Roy Jacobs stopped Roy Beamon, 7. Tony Herrera bested Johnny Cate, 10. Eliseo Garcia defeated Ardilla Garcia, 10. Pollo Morales defeated Gabriel Brambila, 10. Rosendo Martinez won over Eduardo Duran. 8. Emil Garcia whipped Joe Gonzales, 6.

Freddie Felix kayoed Joe Gonzalez ,3. Anselmo Castillo kayoed Jose Rigores, 6. Harry Carroll whipped Chris Elliott, 8. Sylvester Ruttledge stopped Bobby Herron, 6. Celso Hidalgo whipped Alfredo Puente, 8. Derry Treanor whipped Jean Renard, 8.

Luis Quijano and Joe Celis drew 6, Luis then beat Carlos Lara, 6. George Judge kayoed Paddy Kelly 1. Larry Bataan defeated Larry Fernando, 10.

Jose Martinez stoped Gerardo Garcia, 8. Jose Legra stopped Jimmy Hightower, 5. Oscar Reyes kayoed Tonio Coria, 2. Eddie Ludlow stopped Roy Camachio, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Johnny Caldwell outpointed Alphonse Halimi, 15.

Pierre Cossemyns won the vacant European title by kayoing Freddie Gilroy, 9.

Edmundo Esparza defeated Eloy Sanchez, 10. Ignacio Pina stopped Kenji Yonekura, 9.

Hector Hicks stopped Carlos Hernandez, 10. Herman Marques defeated Ronnie Perez, 12.

Juan Ibares defeated Rudy Corona, 10. Manny Elias decisioned Jimmy Abeyta, 10. Elysee Castre defeated Henri Schmid, 10. Chucho Hernandez kayoed Joe Valdez, 6, Joe also was kayoed by Hector Agundez, 5. Miguel Paredes stopped Chatito Ochoa, 1.

Ismael Laguna stopped Killer Solomon, 7; and Battling Escudero, 2. Jorge Salazar outscored Frankie Duran, 10. Ray Asis kayoed Sontichai Kanongsku, 5.

Changa Magallanes kayoed Claudio Murillo, 6. Pajaro Gonzalez stopped Panchito Hernandez, 8. Tony Martinez outscored Chamaca Perez, 10.

Ronnie Jones kayoed Angel Boy, 4. Tacuba Uribe whipped Eduardo Santos, 8. Manny Linson defeated Ray Salazar, 10. Sabino Mendez halted Miguel Jasso, 4.

Curly Aguirre stopped Cisco Kid, 6. Tacuba Hernandez won on a disqualification over Torito Mota, 3. Alex Ambrose defeated Don Cosheril, 8.

Terry Crimmins stopped Johnny O'Callaghan, 6. Eddie Barraclough won from Brian Bissmire, 8. Romeo Pineda and Henry Toledo, drew, 8. Chilo Carranza won over Frank Chambers, 8.

Jose Chavez whipped Antonio Suarez, 8. Emilio Roman whipped Cano Marero, 6. Joe Castellano defeated Trino Savala, 6. Carlos Navarrete defeated Baby Albornoz, 6, and drew with Lino Prieto, 6.

Luis Miranda halted Sixto Campos, 5, then lost to Sixto, 6. Humberto Trottman and Augustin Moreno, drew, 6. Negrito Medina kayoed Pantera del Carmen, 4.

Rafael Ayala and Marcelino Diaz, drew, 8. Manolo Ortiz won over Aurelio Reyes, 6. Daniel Valdez defeated Pedro Zapata, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Sadao Yaoita outpointed Ramon Arias, 10; and Nelson Estrada, 10.

Pascual Perez kayoed Francisco Bahamondez, 3. Derek Lloyd kayoed Pancho Bhatachaiji, 4. Cuervo Salians outpointed Carlos Gomez, 10.

Leo Zulueta outpointed Baby Demilliones, 10. Brian Cartwright defeated Raton Osuna, 8; but lost to Jackie Brown, 8. Marcel Juban scored over Young Bonnie, 10. Miguel Angel Botta kayoed Waldemiro Torres, 2, and Hector Labrador, 3. Young Rufe drew with Elizardo Maseo, 12.

Silvestra Martinez stopped Chico Jasso, 2. Jamie Perez won over Juan Hernandez, 8. Jose Valenzueia stopped Louis Gonzalez, 4.

Luis Mendez kayoed Gato Negro, 2. Elias Olivo stopped Pulga Sanchez, 5. Lorenzo Cruz defeated Raul Martinez, 8. Primo Famero kayoed Carlito Padilla, 8.

Rach Camara defeated Pastor Medina, 6 (twice). Juan Molina stopped Roman Rodriguez, 4. Raton Perez kayoed Cachorro Martinez, 5.

Ramiro Garcis halted Boni Diaz, 1. Small Dave kayoed Yantze Harris, 3. Pedro Carvajal defeated Carlos Real, 6.

CANADIAN CLOUTERS

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difficult for Emory Boudreau to get the proper training and sparring to keep him in top condition. However, this twenty year old lad has made up his mind that he is going to be a first rate fighter and since turning pro in the summer of 1959, he has won ten of eleven bouts, losing his lone fight to the veteran Nick Kovac, due to a badly cut eye.

A stiff punishing hitter, he has recorded knockouts in eight of his bouts with Billy Holm, Ray Mascoll, Vince Cook and Bob Grace among his victims.

Emory has also won decisions over Ernie Durelle and Jimmy Church. He is hopeful that with the coming summer, he will be able to obtain plenty of fights.

Boudreau started to work on his dad's fishing boat when he was thirteen during his vacations from school and still plies his trade as a fisherman, although he attends the New Brunswick Technical Institute in Moncton, where he is learning the carpentry trade.

He is a sturdy built 5 feet 7 inches, 160 pounder who comes from a family of nine children. His younger brother Joe is following in his footsteps and is now boxing as an amateur.

Emory had two bouts in the U.S. in 1960 and would like to return because he feels he can learn more of the fighting trade in the U.S. rings.

Les Sprague, is a nineteen year old lad who began boxing as an amateur in 1958 and the following year captured the Nova Scotia A.A.U. 135 pound title.

Last year he reached the finals of the Canadian Olympic tryouts, losing to Raoul Sarrazin. His all over record as an amateur was thirty wins in thirty-four bouts, of which more than half were won by knockouts.

A rough, tough slugger, this blue-eyed blond has an older brother and two sisters. He is a fine baseball player and also likes to hunt and fish but most of all he likes to fight.

Les made his pro bow last June with a one round kayo over Ossie Chamblien and has now run off five wins with only Andre Milette lasting the limit with him.

Like most Canadian boxers, he suffers from lack of competition but has shown the desire to work hard at his chosen trade.

Basil "Bee" Arsenault is a hard-socking light heavyweight of French-Scotch descent who learned to box while serving three years in the Royal Canadian Regiment stationed at London, Ont. He never boxed as an amateur but had a dozen fights in service, winning ten of them. He twice won the Western Ontario middleweight command title, in 1957-59 and the same years captured the Central Command championships.

Basil has had eight bouts since turning pro last summer. He won seven, scoring five knockouts. He kayoed Dick Farrell, Al Crawley, Bill McLean, Con Burchell and Frank Pilgrim and won over Hugh MacDonald and Emerson Hefferman.

In his last bout a broken ankle caused "Bee" to lose by a knockout in the second round.

Twenty-two years old, Arsenault likes to fight. In his short career he has earned himself quite a following as any puncher will. While he has done all of his boxing in the Maritime provinces he is eager to step out and says that by next year he will be ready to challenge Burke Emery for the Canadian crown.

LaBonte, a 5 foot 9 inch, 140 pounder has won nine of his ten bouts since becoming a pro in 1958. A good stiff puncher, six of these victories have come via the K.O. route.

An electrician by trade, this twenty-three year old lad is married and the proud father of two children. He got started in athletics as a hockey player for the Immaculate Conception Club and turned to boxing in 1955 when he was seventeen and remained in the amateur ranks until he was twenty. During those three years he ran off a string of twenty-five wins, scoring fourteen knockouts and in 1957 and '58 he won the city lightweight title and the Canadian National 139 pound championship.

He has kayoed Dave Downey, Rejean Robert, Rocky Ford, Danny Savary, Izzy Gonsales and Bob McLaurin while beating Eddie Smith and Gerry Leroux.

The final member of our sextet is the former Canadian Olympic star Raoul Sarrazin, a native of Montreal. He comes from an athletic family. His dad was a well known amateur wrestler and his older brother Clement, is also a pro boxer, while a younger brother Andre, is still an amateur.

Raoul started in the juvenile Golden Gloves when he was twelve as a flyweight. In 1957 he won the Montreal Diamond Glove featherweight crown and the following year captured the lightweight title.

In 1959 he was beaten in the finals by Jack Clements, but reversed the loss the following year to win the berth on the Canadian Olympic team and the trip to Rome. In all he won two Canadian titles and three Diamond Glove crowns in winning forty-two of forty-five bouts, he scored twenty three knockouts.

In Rome he scored a kayo in his first bout then was disqualified in his fight with Kim Duck of Korea for not breaking clean.

A sturdy built 5 feet seven inches 140 pounder, Raoul has won all three of his pro bouts by kayos over Eddie Beaudin, Danny Savary and Rejean Robert.

TAG TEAMS

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Coast. They are drop-kick specialists and use vaunted Ko Ko Klops upon opponents for some falls. This maneuver sees them crashing their own foreheads upon their opponents heads, often with dire results. You will hear more about this team as time goes on.

Ilio Di Paolo, Italian Champ and Billy (Red) Lyons are also a popular team with New York and Ohio fans. Di Paolo is a leading contender for Pat O'Connor's world crown and Lyons has also a hankering to meet the champion in the near future. As a team they work well together and are hardy opposition for any duo.

The Shire Brothers, Roy and Ray are stout-hearted Southerners who insist on still fighting some of the Civil War in their battles. They like nothing better than to take a Yankee team apart and they are controversial performers of the first water.

With this sterling line-up of tag teams, it must be admitted that Promoter Pedro Martinez now has the greatest teams in the business appearing in New York and Ohio arenas. Sell-out crowds have been commonplace in Cleveland, Ohio, while other arenas in New York State have increased the attendance by more than 500%, and it is all due to the frantic wrestling fans demanding tag team matches and more of them. It all simmers down to the fact that tag team wrestling is here to stay.

On a recent Buffalo, N. Y., program, three tag matches appeared and it was knock-down and drag-out action from beginning to end. So keen has become the competition between teams for national recognition and tag team rating that sparkling action has been the result. Tag team action is the choice of today's wrestling fans and promoters might just as well make up their minds to that fact . . . the sooner, the better.

MARYLAND'S MERRY MAULERS

By Joe Poodles, Sr.

Joe Salci, Wilkes Barre, Pa. welterweight soundly trounced Ronnie Cohen of New Rochelle, N. Y. at the Baltimore Coliseum. It was a close fight for seven rounds with Salci finishing much the stronger in the final three rounds. The decision was unanimous.

Tony Enzenga's Associated Boxing Club promoted, with 380 paying fans attending a well rounded fight card. Salci weighed 145, outweighing his foe by a pound.

Bobby Hurtt unanimously decisioned Billy Robinson in the five round semi-windup in a welterweight scrap. Hurtt's willingness to exchange punches won the nod.

Johnny Ford, Baltimore middleweight, was a bloody mess in the fourth round of a five rounder and referee Terry Moore stopped the contest in favor of Chico Coursey, of Chester, Pa., veteran. Coursey looked very good in this one.

In the third five rounder Joe Myers, Chester, Pa., and Jerry Brewer of Baltimore fought a thriller-diller, with a split duke going to Myers. This was Brewer's first loss after posting four straight since turning pro.

Welterweight Tank Hill looked real good in his pro debut by whipping George Kayo Scott, of Washington, D. C. in four rounds. Hill hails from Baltimore. Pike Reed, Balitmore middleweight decisioned Eddie Brown, of Washington, D. C. in four rounds in Reeds pro debut.

Jerry Tomasetti kayoed Al Johnson in the first round in heavyweight match.

BILLY CONN

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spirit to get up steam as a tough bout progressed and out-finish the other fellow with a burst of action. There have been few better "stretch performers" than this clever, combative former champion.

Before entering the army, middleweight champion Tony Zale was little more than a workout for him in what turned out to be his unrecognized farewell as a first class fighter on Feb. 13, 1942; with World War II raging he was called up soon after.

What happened to Billy Conn in the years of his army service has proven mystifying to fight people ever since. Only twenty-nine at the time he was separated from service it could hardly have been age. Upon his and Louis' return to civilian life arrangements were speedily concluded for the much heralded return bout. High above the chorus of anticipation over the pending contest soloed the somber warning of Gene Tunney, that Conn was finished as a fighter. *"The fight will be a farce,"* predicted the one time champion, "Conn has been a playboy, he is through!"

Unfortunately, Gene who neither before nor since had ever been hailed as a soothsayer, was only too right in this instance. Although Louis himself showed traces of ring rust, the flitting, flashing, phantom boxer that had been Billy Conn was clearly a casualty of World War II; in its place a weary shadow of a once great boxer offered but token resistance to a lumbering Louis before being counted out in the eighth round on June 18, 1941 in New York's Yankee Stadium, to the vast discomfiture of a crowd of 45,000 which had paid up to a hundred dollars a ticket.

His performance notwithstanding, Conn collected a staggering $312,958 as his share of the near two million dollar "gate". Happily, from all appearances and unlike so many other fighters, he put this golconda to good use with oil well investments which turned out to be gushers from all reports. Because of this windfall he is free of the worries that have plagued so many others, notably his eminent rival, Louis; whom he is said to have once contacted with the idea of advising Joe on some oil dealings. For his present affluence more power to him, he was a truly great boxer at his pinnacle whose final effort should be disregarded in any summation of his standing as one of the best of them all.

KNOCKOUT DROPS

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ingly he could punch was evidenced by his total of 108 knockouts!

Lewis never achieved major recognition because boxing to him was not a vocation but an avocation. He liked to fight, but not at the expense of giving up his regular job. All through his ring career, Banty worked in a shoe factory in Newark, and it is said he never lost a day as a result of his boxing activities. He'd check into the plant at 8 a.m., and work until quitting time at 5:30 p.m., even if he was fighting that night. And he'd be on the job again the next morning!

For that reason, Banty didn't believe in straying too far at any time from the Newark-New York area. Early in his career he did make one jaunt to France with a party of American boxers handled by Al Lippe. It was purely a vacation trip for Banty. He remained in Paris long enough to whip a couple of Frenchmen, then rushed back home in time to report for work when his vacation was over.

It was Lewis who finished the colorful career of the cross-eyed, pigeon-toed southpaw K.O. Brown, who had shifted his headquarters from New York's rugged Gashouse District to the Arlington section of Kearny, N.J. A rivalry developed between him and Lewis, and it resulted in their getting together at the Pioneer Club in New York in 1917. Banty wrecked Brown in five rounds and the veteran promptly announced his retirement from the ring.

CUT SHORT BY TRAGEDY.

Shortly after the turn of the current century, tragedy put a sudden end to a remarkable clouting record by a Canadian-born youngster fighting in California.

Measuring only 5 feet, 1 inches in altitude, and scaling in at 115 pounds, Harry Tenny must have packed a powerful punch for one of his miniature proportions.

Campaigning in and around the San Francisco-Oakland-Richmond area, Tenny accounted for thirty-nine knockouts in fifty-one bouts—and most of those bouts were limited to four rounds, which meant Harry had to do his punching in a hurry. He did. No less than thirteen of his knockouts were first-rounders; twelve others had second-round finishes.

Tenny had been fighting about two and a half years when, in 1905, he was given the chance to test his stamina as well as his punch against a former world bantamweight champion, Frankie Neil, in a 25-round bout in Colma, a suburb of San Francisco. Neil's experience proved a bit too much and a close decision went against Tenny. In his next outing—his only bout outside California—he journeyed to Goldfield, Nev., to finish Abe Attell's brother, Monte, in the 25th round.

Tenny's first meeting with Neil had been so keenly contested that a return match became inevitable. Harry was not yet 21 when he met the ex-champion February 28, 1906, in San Francisco. This time the gods of fistic destiny had grim tragedy waiting for him. Knocked out in the 14th round, Tenny failed to regain consciousness and was rushed to a hospital, where he died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA

By Archie Pirolli

Joey Giardello, local middleweight contender, returned to his local haunts for the first local fight in five years. He scored a TKO victory in the ninth round over Detroiter Wilfie Greaves, at the Alhambra Club.

Giardello, weighing 162, got off to a sluggish start in the early rounds but got in the groove after the fourth. Greaves, 160, crowded into him with a weaving crouch and had him breaking ground. Joey was missing frequently. By the fifth round though, Giardello had solved Greaves' baffling approach. At the end of the seventh, he had Wilfies' left eye swollen, almost shut. Midway in the ninth, the referee called it off.

The $6,670 gross gate and 1630 paid attendance were records for the Alhambra.

The disastrous professional ring debut of world shot put champion Bill Nieder, 216, of Los Angeles, who was knocked out by Jim Wiley, 198, Phila., in the first round. Bill never had a chance. The experienced Wiley, with 25 bouts under his belt, dropped him with a right for a compulsory eight count. Wiley closed in and continued to batter away until Nieder staggered to the floor again and failed to beat the referee's count.

In other bouts: Wendell Douglass, 136, Phila., defeated Frank Taylor, 137, Phila., in six rounds. Johnny Alford, 160½, Phila., stopped Jimmy Leevers, 157, Newark, N. J.

▸ **Cambria A.C.**—Orrie Paschall, 184, Phila., a local heavyweight who recently stopped Don Warner, registered four knockdowns in less than two rounds for a TKO victory over Ernie Knox, 174, Baltimore. The referee stopped the contest after Knox had been down for the second time in the round. All four knockdowns were the result of right-hand crosses to Knox's chin.

In other bouts: Jerry Brewer, 133, Baltimore, decisioned Leroy Howard, 134, Phila., 4 rounds; Dennis Hefferman, 163, Longdale, won over Isaac Thornton, 163, Wilmington, Del., 4 rounds; Harold Boyer, 164, Phila., decisioned Joe McIntyre, 164, Phila., 4 rounds; Tom Lowry, 130, Phila., fought a draw with Tom Griffin, 130, Phila., 4 rounds.

▸ **Cambria A.C.**—Bob Cofer, 152, Phila., upset favored Billy Lynch, 147, Hartford, with a straight right in the third round to score a knockout. The end came with surprising suddenness. Lynch was scoring repeatedly with left jabs and leading the fight until Cofer caught him on the chin.

In other bouts: Lee Batts, 220, Phila., decisioned Donald Gray, 195, Kennett Square, Pa., 4 rounds; Johnny Knight, 140, Phila., TKO'd Leroy Howard, 135, Phila., at start of third round; Bernie McClinchey, 158, Phila., TKO'd Johnny Mohuke, 168, Norristown, in 4th; Bobby Singleton, 125, Phila., decisioned Kid Williams, 126, Phila., 4; Al Avant, 160, Phila., decisioned Haywood Johnson, 156, Camden, 6 rounds.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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Chung, USN, fought Dolphin Candalario of Maui. Chung, off the USS, McCAIN, lost a decision to the local islander.

The Navy's Chester Gardner, 147, Midway Island, fought against Maui's highly touted Albert Dumaran and won by a kayo in two minutes of the second round.

The first round was a slug-fest with the Maui fighter bull-shouldering on the inside and slamming hard hooks to the head and body. Gardner back pedalled and struck stinging left jabs to the head. The second round was a replica of the first but Gardner followed with a fast right hand and dropped his opponent for the count.

In the main event of the evening, Benjamin Dawson got up off the canvas to score a split decision over Navy fighter Jim Rodrigues of Midway.

The first round Rodrigues boxed his aggressive free-throwing opponent and jabbed furiously. The second round was the same but near the end of the round Rodrigues decked his foe with a right hook.

The sounding of the bell saved Dawson from being counted out as the referee counted . . . *"nine"* . . .

Rodrigues went down in the third round with a combination of lefts and rights. At the count of *"two"* he rested on one knee until the count *"nine."* Then, regaining his feet, he wobbled as if hurt and dizzy, fooling his opponent, who rushed in wide open and received a smashing right hook three times to the head. When in trouble, or near-trouble, Rodrigues would stumble to the ropes and roll his eyes as if hurt and Dawson would tear in repeatedly wide open, to be met with a barrage of punches.

At the end, the judges voted a split-decisions for Maui fighter, Dawson.

PERSONAL TOUCH

What makes a boxer try for a "comeback?"

"I guess it's just too hard to resist the exictement of the ring," is the answer from 28 year old heavyweight John Johnson, of Fort Ord, California, a fighter who once flattened world heavyweight contender Pete Rademacher in a 1956 All-Army contest.

The Rademacher battle is only one of a series of ring experiences that ended for Johnson in 1956 when he officially "retired" from amateur boxing.

"I simply wasnt able to stay away," comments the ex-All-Army champion who will end nearly five years in "retirement" with his entry into 1961's All-Army eliminations.

He will be trying to unseat reigning All-Army heavyweight king, Fort Campbell's Elmer Rush.

The 5'11", 185-pound bomber launched his amateur boxing career in 1953 when he entered the service at Fort Jackson, S. C.

"This was the start of my tournament fighting," claims Johnson, *"despite the fact I had already been boxing for several years. That was pretty informal experience, though,"* he adds.

"I was sixteen when I first put on gloves for some sparring matches with neighborhood kids. I kept this up until I entered the service, but I dont think this fighting really influenced my career."

Actions deny these words in reviewing Johnson's dramatic start in service boxing. In one year after entering the Army, he captured the 1954 Third U.S. Army and All-Army championships, and finished second in the Inter-Service heavyweight matches.

All-Army competition in 1955 proved anticlimatic for Johnson, when a tournament dark-horse pushed him from the champion's throne in a final-match split-decision. So brutal was this bout, however, that Johnson's hospitalized opponent was unable to represent the Army in the 1955 Inter-Service.

Coaches settled on Johnson as the Army team representative in the heavyweight division, and he upheld their confidence by winning the 1955 Inter-Service heavyweight championship.

In 1956, Johnson, then stationed in Germany, snatched the USAREUR and CISM heavyweight championships, before journeying state-side for the '56 All-Army matches.

This was the year that found Johnson paired with Pete Rademacher in the elimination finals. Johnson downed Rademacher in the third and final round of the bout, but officials ruled one of the knockout blows an unintentional foul, and awarded the match to Rademacher.

Still hoping for a shot at a 1956 Olympic berth he tried the regional AAU'S in Kansas City, won the heavyweight title, and was off to San Francisco.

In the semi-finals of the Olympic trials, Johnson again confronted Rademacher, but this time took a clear-cut decision loss from his personal nemisis. Johnson decided to quit the ring.

The Fort Ord-based fighter succeeded in keeping his self-imposed exile until this year, when officials persuaded him to represent the Sixth U. S. Army in the All-Army eliminations.

"I'm shooting for the top this year," he states with an assured smile. *"I'd like to find out that answer to the question, can a fighter make a comeback?"*

POTENT WEAPON

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two rousing fights with Fritzie Zivic were behind him. A few months before meeting Montgomery he was held to a draw in Brooklyn by Johnny Jones and the match with the Philadelphia "Bobcat" was only a payday for Davis and a warm-up for Bob who was matched with Beau Jack for the lightweight title three weeks later.

Bob had come off a thrilling twelve round knockout over Ike Williams in Philadelphia and figured a shoo-in against the willing Davis. But lighting struck and it was all over. Yet Bob went through with the Jack fight and won the title by outfighting the flashy little Georgian over the full fifteen rounds.

Another one round kayo that stands out in the history of Madison Square Garden took place on March 19, 1948 when the veteran Lee Savold stepped in as a substitute against Gino Buonvino of Italy. Less than a minute after the opening bell had clanged, Lee's left crashed onto the jaw of the visitor from overseas and it was all over.

Savold, who had been out of action six months and who had won only two of his previous seven fights, was reborn and went on to big money fights against Bruce Woodcock, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano.

The kayo that clinched for Jack Dempsey the shot at Jess Willard, the one round finish of Fred Fulton in Harrison, N.J. on July 27, 1918 was a rocking left hook. Many of Jack's first round kayos rolled up in that period were scored by his southpaw slams.

Even the "wee ones" are among the left hookers. Flyweight champion Pascual Perez used only two minutes to finish off British Empire champion Dai Dower in Buenos Aires on March 30, 1957 with a wrong side bomb.

Tough Tony Galento, the man with the Orange "Nightstick", sent many opponents into dreamland in the opening round with his hooks, including Nate Brown, Jorge Brescia and Red Barry.

Archie Moore, the cagy veteran who still holds onto his world light heavyweight title, is a durable battler, but even Old Arch fell before a power laded left hook. He came a cropper on June 2, 1948 in Oakland, Calif. when Leonard Morrow dropped the big one in the second minute of the opening stanza.

Another veteran, Chico Vejar, who recently hung up his gloves, was stopped only three times in one hundred and seventeen fights. One of these was a first round finish under a barrage of left hooks thrown by Tony DeMarco in Boston, September 14, 1955. Chico had put together a winning streak of a dozen in a row and DeMarco was making his first start since losing his welterweight title to Carmen Basilio. Both knew an impressive win would mean a title match and Tony roared out and unleashed an assault that just swept Vejar into defeat.

During the 1930's when the middle-

weight title was in dispute with the N.B.A., New York and Europe each backing different men, Freddie Steele of Tacoma, Wash., who held the N.B.A. belt, stood out. He dropped a four rounder in 1932, then proceeded to go undefeated through his next forty-six fights. He boasted kayos over Gus Lesnevich, Ken Overlin, Vince Dundee, Paul Pirrone, Swede Berglund, Henry Firpo, Buck Lawless, Joe Glick, and wins over Babe Risko, Gorilla Jones, Young Stuhley and Allen Matthews.

He was then matched with Fred Apostoli in Madison Square Garden. Apostoli, who had been stopped by Steele in ten rounds in 1935, returned the favor by halting Steele in 9, in a bout in which Steele's N.B.A. title was not on the line. Freddie bounced back from that defeat to kayo Bob Turner, Carmen Barth and whip Solly Krieger.

He then was matched with a local rival, Al Hostak. Al a potent puncher, was on a hot streak with kayos over Young Terry, Tony Fisher, Leonard Bennett, Otto Blackwell, Risko and Matthews, but was not given much chance with Steele, yet in less than three minutes, it was all over. Hostak's left hook not only knocked out Steele, but sent him into retirement.

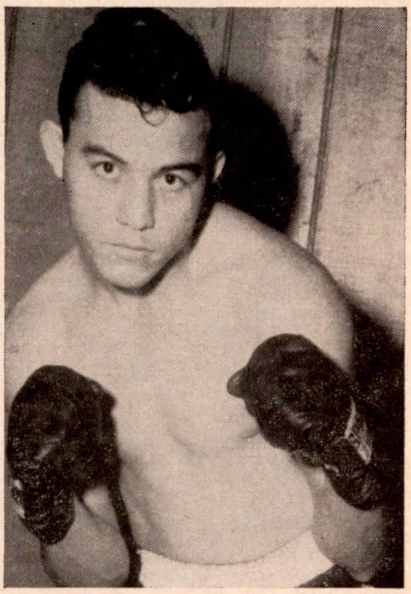
Going back to the old days, Charley White, renowned left hooker, scored a number of one round kayos and Boston seemed to be his lucky city. It was in "Bean Town" that he flattened a trio of tough top notchers within a four month stretch in 1915 and 1916. Matty Baldwin, Milburn Saylor and Joe Azevedo, all went out in the opening round, and just to prove it was no fluke, White took out Saylor again in the first round in Cincinnati a few months later.

Way back in 1897 the semi-final to the fight in which Bob Fitzsimmons was to win the heavyweight title from James J. Corbett, pitted Dal Hawkins against Martin Flaherty. Hawkins had laid claim to the featherweight title in the days of two ounce gloves in the late 1880's when the limit was 118 pounds, but seemed over his head against Flaherty. The latter had defeated Frank Erne only three weeks before over twenty rounds in New York. And the huge crowd waited for the fight between him and Hawkins to get under way in Carson City, a bout they were certain would be a spirited affair.

The sound of the opening bell was still echoing around the arena when it was all over, Hawkins' booming hook found its mark and Flaherty was out cold.

One of the most famous one round kayos of all time was the Al McCoy-George Chip fight in which McCoy, a southpaw, won the middleweight title by blasting out Chip in forty-five seconds. McCoy was a fighter wno used a square stance and it was a left hook, not a swing that finished off Chip.

So it has always gone from the early days of the ring up to the present time. When a left hooker is in action, get there early or you may miss the show.



Jose Leon Garcia, the top welterweight in Managua, Nicaragua, just arrived here with Raton Mojica, to campaign for world wide recognition in the 147 pound division, under the management of Bobby North.

Garcia won the lightweight and welterweight amateur titles in Managua, San Salvador and Guatemala, and then was sent to represent Nicaragua, at the Pan American games in Chicago, in 1959, where he was the runner-up in the 147 pound division. On his return to his home country, Garcia turned professional, and in nine fights, he lost only one and that was to Tony Huerta, on a questionable decision. He twice defeated Caracol Duarte, who previously had been the kingpin in the welterweight class there.

Garcia looks like a real comer. He has a good record to date. Jose Leon will go far in his chosen profession say most of the fistic experts hereabouts.

KEY TO THE THRONE

(Continued from page 21)

Louis and Dempsey were the outstanding champions of modern times, and on his victories over Dempsey alone, Gene Tunney must be regarded as outstanding among fistic monarchs. Gene fought his way to the top, but one fight alone—his 12 round knockout of Georges Carpentier—stands out.

Carpentier, a European, as is Johansson, had made a gallant try against Dempsey. He failed, but his bid can be compared to Johansson's futile effort to regain the crown from Patterson at Miami Beach. Ingo is both an ex-champion, and a defeated challenger, and so is the logical foe for the aspiring Liston.

It was in much the same situation that Carpentier fought Tunney. The Frenchman complained of a low punch in the 14th, and the referee, seeing him limping, stopped the fight. In the 10th Gene had Georges on the canvas four times. The victory, more than any other, was the key to Tunney getting his chance with Dempsey.

Of course there was the series with Harry Greb, and following his triumph over the Orchid Man, Gene knocked out Tommy Gibbons in 12. Gibbons had gone the limit with Dempsey, and received nothing for his efforts at Shelby, Mont. In knocking him out, Gene had done something Jack had been unable to accomplish.

The elimination tournament, generally credited to Rickard, may have been Tunney's idea. Following his defeat in Philadelphia, even Dempsey had to qualify. He did this by knocking out Jack Sharkey in seven rounds. This was at a time when Sharkey was a qualified contender in his own right. He became one—on the strength of his victory over Wills in the 13th round on a foul.

Even though Harry Wills never got the chance he deserved, he played his part in the eliminations, proving to be the key that unlocked the door for Sharkey.

After Tunney defeated Dempsey a second time in Chicago, the fight drawing a record gate of $2,658,660—Sharkey was next in line. He was side tracked, as Tunney preferred to close out his career with Tom Heeney to retire undefeated.

There are other ways of getting to fight for the heavyweight title. Following Tunney's retirement there was an elimination, ending with Schmeling becoming champion when Sharkey fouled him in the fourth round. Jack had to wait two years, drawing with Mickey Walker, and outpointing Primo Carnera in the meantime, before defeating Schmeling in 15 to become champion.

When Louis retired Jersey Joe Walcott fought Ezzard Charles. Ezz, the leading light-heavyweight at the time, though not the champion, won, and was crowned heavyweight king by the National Boxing Association. It was not until Louis made a comeback, and lost to Charles that the latter was generally recognized.

Walcott was the key to the elimination. Many thought he had deserved the decision in his first fight with Louis, when he had twice floored the champion. Louis retired after the second fight, in which he knocked out Jersey Joe after getting off the floor.

Both Billy Conn and John Henry Lewis got their title shots with Louis on the strength of being light-heavyweight champion. The same was true of Archie Moore, the last opponent of Marciano before his retirement. It was his showing against Rocky, that earned Moore the right to fight Patterson.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

SUGAR CLIFF, the youthful and newest sensation Dixie offers boxing at present approached main event billing after his excellent victory over another fine prospect, Georgie Wyatt at Miami Beach. So good did the Sugar-boy perform in wrapping up his 16th straight that Chris Dundee, the MB impresario visioned a near future headliner in Manager Jimmy Brady's boy.

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▸ How can you outsmart a smart fighter is a question Gomeo Brennan would like to have answered. Pitting his youth and favored over Holly Mims, the result after 12 rounds of fighting at Miami Beach found Gomeo on the outside trying to look in. Mims, of Washington, D.C., and a shrewd one, made his vast experience and inside knowledge count and scored a good upset over the Bimini battler before a crowd of 1,883.

The gate hit $3,000 for Promoter Chris Dundee. Brennan scored with some good ones and shook the Capital City middleweight once or twice but Mims moved in close to restrain further damage.

The voting: Ref Cy Gottfried, 117-113; Judge Gus Jacobson, 115-113, and Judge Barry Pearlman, 117-115, unanimous for Holly.

Guillermo "Willi" Dutschman, a light-heavyweight from Argentina, made his American debut successfully in an eight with Al Owens. Dutschman, 172½, waged a rally to gain the split nod over his 176 pound foe. A six rounder containing action went to Sugar Cliff, 144½, of Fort Lauderdale and Bimini, who scored his 16th consecutive win at the expense of Georgie Wyatt, 140½, and stablemate of Holly Mims.

The Sugar-boy's record has the Beachites talking. No losses, no draws, all wins. Sammy Burgess, 137, TKOed Jerry Powers, 133½, in four, and J. W. Deboe, 193, stopped Lee Andrews, 188, in the third round.

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▸ Heavyweight Cleveland Williams, of Tampa but campaigning out of Houston, Texas, made an excellent jump into RING MAGAZINE ratings with his fine win over Alex Miteff, of Argentina. Williams, managed by Lou Viscusi and trained by Bill Gore, halted his man.

▸ Ralph Dupas, that sweet boxing lad from New Orleans, is now under contract to Angelo Dundee, of Miami Beach.

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▸ Bill Kastelz once more came to bat for boxing. The popular sports editor of The Florida Times-Union gave Nat Fleischer's comments on Federal Control of Boxing wonderful space in his TU sports column. The Jacksonville columnist wants to see boxing back in our city, and so does Jack Hairston, sports ed of the Jacksonville Journal.

Bill's space caused much re-action among the local fans, who favor a national commissioner to keep the riff-raff out. Nat's 15 essential points in which he mentioned in the last RING issue made more sense than any figure also called before Senator Estes Kefauver.

Thirty, wonderful years devoted to boxing is the very proud record of Dr. James McCormick. For this contribution Miami Boxing Commission and friends of boxing's "Sunny Jim" honored him with festivities at the Knight Beat Supper Club of the Sir John Hotel in Miami, writes chairman of the commission Charles (Chuck) Geiger. Hoping you're ready for 30 more years, Doc. Boxing needs bearers as you.

▸ Sam Rabin, owner of the Sir John Hotel in Miami, is giving the prelim boys in his area a break, and that means a break for boxing. It is Sam's contention that small clubs are a necessity for the future of the game and its stars.

He has Dick Lee, former boxer and manager, filling the matchmaker's role and Dick has done a tremendous job on the three shows presented to date. Unfortunately, we have results of the second and third cards but the initial will follow. Promoter Rabin allows the boxers free use of the gym. Capacity will hold 700 attendance and each show has been packed.

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▸ Jose Legra, 126, stopped Jimmy Hightower, 129, in the fifth round of a skedded six main event fight before a packed house at the Sir John Arena in Miami, thus breaking in well in his first American bout. The Cuban's record now stands at 11 wins against 13 losses. His close quarter milling, plus speed, helped Jose get off to this good start away from home. A sounding right to the head paved the way after two battlers looked all-even up to the third round.

Harry Irwin, Pompano Beach, at 152, punched Lee Raming, of Homestead, for a kayo in the fourth. Sammy Mackey, 124½, Homestead, came in as a sub and notched his seventh straight triumph in a very good bout with Santos Flores, 128, of Santiago de Cuba. Their's was a four rounder and Santos saw his win streak of 12 fizzle. Herman Ponce, 119 pounder from Puerto Rico, halted Roosevelt Stringer, 123½, of Miami in round four, while Jerry Powers, 135, Homestead, whipped Eddie Ludlow, 133, Miami, in four. Sam Rabin promoted and Dick Lee was matchmaker.

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▸ Promoter Sam Rabin and Matchmaker Dick Lee staged their third show before another capacity crowd at Miami, and the Sir John Arena was the setting. Glenn Holloway, 145, survived a first round knockdown, was trailing on points until he landed heavily with a right to the head of Willie James, 147, near the close of the fourth and went on to score a fifth round technical knockout in the top tilt.

Three knockdowns provided by Herb Siler, 190, were enough for 187-pound Roosevelt Jones, who lost by a TKO in the fifth. Referee Eddie Ekert called the Gregory Camachio-Eddie Ludlow bout a "no-contest" after Camachio stumbled and "kayoed" himself on a ring post during the third round. That's a bad verdict by the referee, an insult to the fighters. Santo Flores, 125, won over Al Walker, 132, in four. Sammy Mackey, 125, took four from Manuel Ponce, 122. Tommy Evans, 145, Opa-locka, stopped Bill Shelley, 142, in round four of their bout.

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▸ Tampa is back in business. Boxing results haven't reached us from the promoter but the Tampa Tribune's classified department will be mailing them in for us to use in our next writing for THE RING.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

He may not be the hardest punching middleweight, nor the smoothest ring general, but for all-around ability, Dick Tiger shaped up as the best 160 pounder to show in New Orleans in quite some time. And almost a sure bet to whip Gene Fullmer or Paul Pender (whichever way you're looking at the title) if given the opportunity.

In spite of losihg the last two rounds to Hank Casey in their local natural, the Tiger from Nigeria was an easy winner over the San Francisco sharpie. Nevertheless, the 10 rounder ended in a split decision for the British Empire ruler.

Promoters Lou Messina and Curley Gagliano were so pleased with the fight, and the ability of the Tiger, that efforts were being made to match the Nigerian with Henry Hank of Detroit for a local showdown. Such an attraction, no doubt, would draw handsomely at the gate—probably in the neighborhood of $25,000.

▸ Although the Tiger-Casey fight was highly publicized and looked all over a ring natural, the show only grossed $12,000. This, no doubt, could be attributed to long spells between fights.

A relentless body puncher, the ever-pressing Tiger proved early in the fight that he meant business, and that Casey would have to stage one of his top performances in an effort to outscore the Nigerian. But Casey had his hands full trying to evade the Tiger's attack, especially during the first half of the contest.

Judge Eddie Brown scored the fight 5-4-1 for Tiger and Referee Freddie Adams tabbed the Tiger an 8-1-1 winner. Judge Ernie Cojoe cast the dissenting vote, scoring the fight for Casey, 5-3-2.

Stringbean Leslie, 157½, won a unanimous decision over Eddie Cates, 156¼, in the six-round semi-final. The fight replaced the scheduled Freddie Little-Jimmy Remson fight.

Joshua O'Neil, 160¼, won over Mike Lowery, 167, in the opening four rounder, while Charles Leslie, brother of Stringbean, decisioned Frank Joseph. Young Leslie scaled 171 pounds, Joseph 179. It was a lively four rounder.

Percy Puigh, 140½, whipped Killer Jackson, 137¾, in another over the four round distance.

▸ Jersey Jones, associate editor of The Ring Magazine, came down with Dick Tiger. It was Jones' first New Orleans appearance in some 30 years—when he made trips with Jeff Smith and Eddie Brady. While in the Crescent City, Jones renewed acquaintances with many of the oldtimers like Pete Herman, Pal Moran, Johnny Fisse, Eddie Coulon, Eddie Brun, Phil Gafney and others.

Louisville, Ky. Boxing News
By Joe Martin

On Derby Eve at the Armory James Ellis, 159, won his second pro-bout by a unanimous eight-round decision over Gene Leslie, 156, of New Orleans. The lanky Louisvillian dominated the bout from beginning to end. But only Ellis of the trio of Louisvillians in three scheduled eight-rounders managed to keep his feet manfully and register a decision victory.

Lawrence Howard, 164, of Louisville, was knocked out in 1:05 of the first round by Freddie Little, 164, of New Orleans, before a sparse crowd of 353 paid.

Willie Moran, 154, of Louisville, was T.K.O.'ed in 2:50 of the second round by Walter Turner, 157, of Hamilton, Ohio. Moran scored a first-round knockdown at the bell. Then he was decked three times himself in the second round when the bout was stopped.

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It Happened In Wisconsin
with Pinky Mitchell, former World Junior Welterweight Champion

The La Crosse Ringside Boxing Club ran its second show of the season that was action packed with fans paying $3,350 for a fine evening's entertainment.

In the 10-round windup, Duane Horsman, 161, Chatfield, Minn., scored a 7th round knockout over Clarence Harbin, 171, St. Louis. The Chatfield middleweight had Harbin on the canvas in the 5th round and a left hook and right to the jaw ended the bout in the 7th.

Two La Crosse boxers, welterweight Mickey Zielke and heavyweight Roger Wakefield earned decisions in their bouts. Zielke, 143, decisioned Don Jose, 148, St. Louis in 8 and Wakefield, 181, scored a 6 rd victory over Jerry Wolcott Buchanan, 221, Peoria.

Jerry Mullens, 139, Brownsville, ko'd Bobby Brown, 141, St. Louis in 2 and Jim Johnston, 165, Caledonia, Minn., flattened Joe Anderson, 171, Peoria in the first round.

The Club plans on running four more shows this year.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

The on again-off again plans of Mike Savage and Joe Anderson to promote pro boxing at Savage's spacious Gun Club grounds, just outside Covington, Ky. seems to be at present off again. Other business interests, pressing, have forced Savage to abandon his plans at the moment. Cincinnati still has no boxing promoter.

▸ AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . Eddie Schauer of Perry, Ohio has some good looking prospects in his stable, with activity for Eddie being in Detroit and Canton, Ohio . . . incidently the latter city came back with a good card in mid-May with Vince Risko in the promoter's seat. . . .

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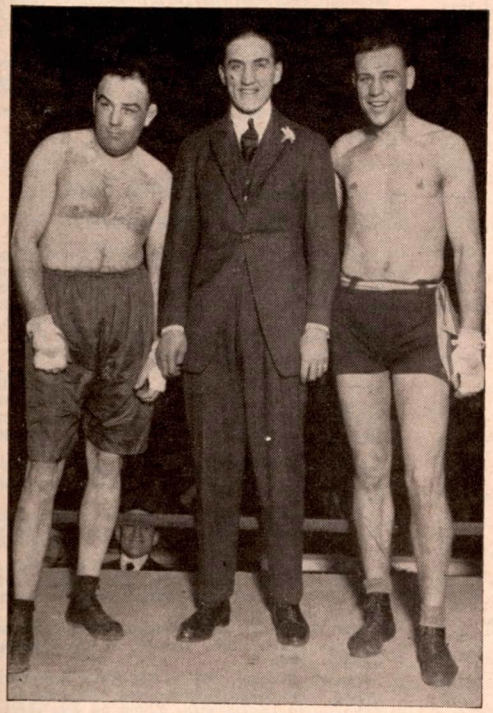
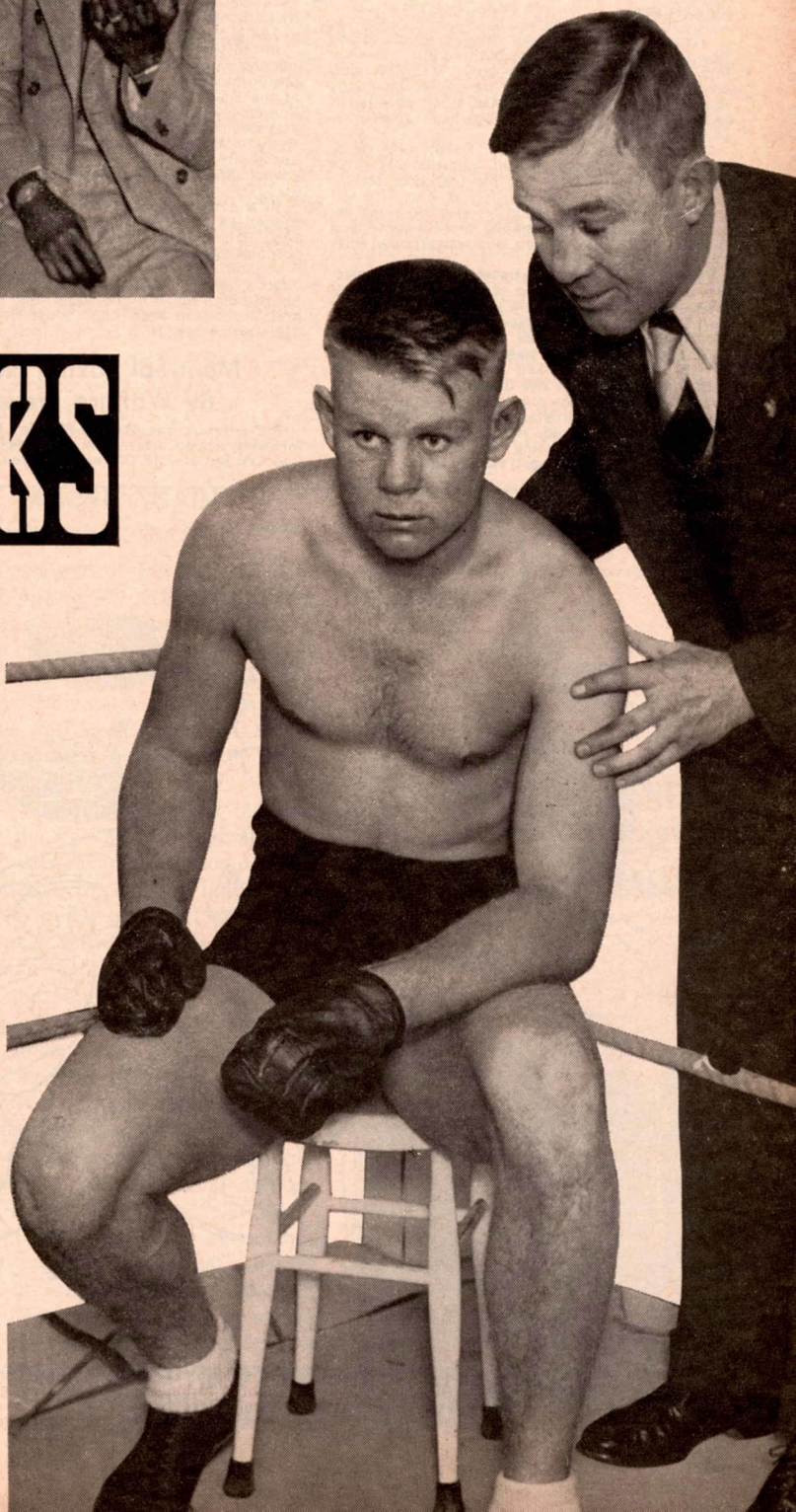
(Left)—With Ellis Gimbel, of noted department store clan, looking on, Frankie Klick and Kid Chocolate pay their respects to Santa Claus in Gimbel's Philadelphia store. The day after Christmas (1933) Klick knocked Chocolate out in seven rounds to take over the junior lightweight title. (Below)—Former world middleweight champion Billy Papke gives some last-minute advice to his son, Billy, Jr., as latter begins his own ring career in Los Angeles (1931). Young Billy never quite lived up to expectations and retired from boxing after brief career.

FLASHBACKS



In New York to begin training for his forthcoming heavyweight championship with Jack Dempsey, "Gorgeous Georges" Carpentier takes time out to visit Newark, N. J., in 1920 to attend clash between Willie Meehan (left) and Al Roberts. "Fat Willie," as Meehan was called, outpointed Roberts.



THE CANADIAN MARITIMES
By Fred Bishop

Halifax, N. S.—Blair Richardson, 162, Sydney, scored a 10 round unanimous decision over Bobby Barnes, 161, Wilkes Barre, Penn., here in the Maritimes. The unknown and unrated Barnes carried the first five rounds as the hard hitting Richardson waited for an opening that never came. In the sixth the nearest thing to a knockout came as Blair caught Barnes with a long right and the visitor slipped on a wet spot. Up at the count of nine, helpless and reeling, Richardson could not get a clean shot at his man.

From the seventh to the tenth Barnes again carried the fight with Richardson bleeding from the nose and mouth while Barnes had a rip inside his mouth. Judges Harold Johnson and Alex Nickerson scored it 6-2-2 Richardson, Referee Frank MacIntosh, 5-3-2 Richardson, my card read 6-4 Barnes.

In a semi-final of 6 rounds, Les Sprague, 137, Amherst, N. S. stopped Andre Millette, Sorel, Que., 142, in the fourth round due to a cut over the left eye.

The fight of the night was a special six rounder, a return match between fast stepping Davy Downey and Peanuts Arsenault of Summerside, P. E. I. Midway through the sixth, with Arsenault covering up as Downey put on one of his many lightning attacks, Referee MacIntosh stopped it awarding Downey a T.K.O., Downey came in at 147, to Arsenault's 149.

In fours: Don Greene, 162, Dartmouth, N. S. was on the short end as well conditioned George Hebert, 158, Amherst, won his first pro start in a well received go.

Jack Shepard, 162, Halifax, also breaking in, found the going tough against more experienced Colin McPhail, 161, Sydney, and was stopped midway through the third.

Sydney, N. S.—First big upset of the young season ended the undefeated string of young Basil Arsenault, 173, Mira, N. S., as a 5-1 underdog Hughie MacDonald, 174, New Waterford, scored a clean kayo in 35 seconds of the second round at Promoter John Chechetto Venetian Gardens. A right hand had decked Arsenault for a nine count near the end of the first, another right got through his guard for another eight count, MacDonald made no mistake as one more shot stopped Arsenault cold. Arsenault broke a bone in his left ankle on hitting the deck and will be out of action for at least two months.

The semi-final of six rounds was actioned-packed as popular Tyrone Gardener, 137, Sydney reversed a loss of last year by outpointing busy George Munroe, 138, Halifax, Munroe had Gardiner on the floor in the first but hit the canvas twice in the second himself. He weathered the storm only to be floored again in the fifth and sixth.

In fours: Ivan Mullins, 134, Sydney, optpointed Dave Leggett, 136, Halifax, John MacDonald, 144, Sydney, stopped Bobby Arab, 151, Halifax, in the second and Roy Lewis, 136, Sydney, scored a clean kayo midway through the second over Bob Drake, 135, Halifax. All these boys were fighting their first professional fights.

Halifax, N. S.—Blair Richardson, 163, South Bar, Cape Breton, needed only three rounds to dispose of Swedish Eskin Emerson, 163, New York, in a one-sided match promoted by Clary Harris and witnessed by about 5,000 Richard fans. The only good thing to be said of Emerson was he was game. He came off the floor about five times after taking Richardson's best right hands and blistering lefts to continue battle.

In the third round Emerson was down twice for eight counts and was on his feet when Referee Jack Deleney called it off with him helpless. Richardson's win was his 26th. He has 22 kayo's in 29 fights, he has lost one and fought two draws.

In the semi-final of 6 rounds, Les Sprague, high ranking lightweight of Amherst N. S., put on a power-punching display to score a clean kayo at the 2.03 mark of the third round over Claude Romero, Brooklyn, N. Y. Sprague was the aggressor throughout and hit the inexperienced Romero at will. Sprague, a good looking titular possibility now has five straight wins, four by kayo's. Sprague came in at 137 lbs. to Romero at 134.

In a couple of sixes, the action was fast and rugged as New York club fighter Jimmy Dorsey, 145, had a real brawl on his hands before optpointing tough ill conditioned Walter "Peanuts" Arsenault, 147, Summerside, P.E.I., while in the opener LeRoy "Rocco" Jones, 137, Halifax, used his familiar hit and run, hold and hit tactics to grab a decision over rough-house Rollie Thibault, 138, Dartmouth, N. S.

Montreal Boxing News
By Wallace Brown

Bob Cleroux, the Abord-a-Plouffe Lion, got back into ring action after a six month's absence and knocked out Harold Carter of Linden, New Jersey in 1:06 of the second round. He swarmed all over the Jerseyite in the opening round and in the second, had him bobbing up and down on the top strang after a vicious attack, and the referee, Tony Mancini halted the bout.

Clerouz had a fifteen and a half pounds advantage, 209½ to 194 for Carter. The program was staged at the Montreal Forum, and Eddie Quinn promoted the fight. 4500 fans attended and $10,500 was in the till.

The evening got off to an exciting start with Fernand Simard, 140, Quebec City and Jack Clements, 136½, Montreal battering each other from pillar to post for four rounds. Simard copped the decision over Clements, who was only engaging in his second pro fight.

Francesco Fiore, 159½, Porto Torres, Italy displayed an effective left jab and various other assortment of combinations while breezing to a ten round decision over a willing Vernon LaMar, 157½, New York. The win for Fiore was his 23rd straight.

Leslie Borden, 179, Montreal had no difficulty handling the comical Clarence Ryan, 172, New York. Borden the unanimous decision in four.

In the ten rounder after the main event, Fortunato Manca, 147, Cagliari, Italy gained a hard fought verdict over the experienced Peter Schmidt, 147, Toronto. Manca who has not tasted defeat in 42 pro fights, had his work cut out for him as Schmidt extended the Italian to the limit.

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"I KNOW HE ONLY COMES UP TO MY CHIN . . . BUT HE COMES UP THERE TOO OFTEN!"

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

CLAREMONT, N. H.—Eskil Emerson, 163, New York, billed as the Swedish middleweight king, had too much ring savvy for Billy Johnson, 157, Pittsburgh, in an eight round professional bout. In the co-feature Ray (Sonny) Schlamp, 137½, New York, scored a first round knockout over Tommy Moore, 130½, Worcester. The remainder of the card consisted of amateur bouts.

BOSTON Arena—Jose Torres, 164, Puerto Rico, was impressive in stopping Bob Young, 177, Providence, the New England light heavyweight king, after four rounds giving the former credit for a fifth round technical knockout. Torres rapid fire punching slowed Young, who was dropped by a left hook to the body in the third and again in the fourth.

A pair of Torres' stablemates from New York won their fights on knockouts: Joe Shaw, 140, stopped Billy Brooks, 146, New York, in the first round, and Grey Gavin, 150, halted Walter Giles, 155¾, Roxbury, in four rounds. Don Manni, 147, Hyannis, repeated a previous win over Frankie Madison, 145, New York, in a pleasing six rounder.

Joe Barboza, 173, East Boston, belted out Joe Hill, 172, Roxbury, in the first round. Paul Raymond, 166, Sommerville, was held all-even by Zigmund Wortherly, 162, New York, in four heats. Lonnie Christopher, 203, became the heavyweight champion of Chelsea when he won over fellow-townsman, Candy Butler, 196, in four explosive rounds.

Spokane Ring Post
By Ken Reynolds

In a "Battle of Substitutes", Amos (Sugar) Lincoln, 210, Portland, Ore., easily outpointed Young Jack Johnson, 226, Los Angeles. Lincoln took command from the opening bell, pouring an almost steady volley of punches. Johnson was on the retreat or on the ropes most of the night.

In the semi-ten, 18-year-old Thad Spencer, 192, Portland, Ore., took a unanimous but not easy decision over veteran Johnny Riggins, 187, Spokane. In his first ten-rounder, Spencer looked like the "real goods" during the early rounds until Riggins found him in the fifth with a right hook to the jaw which had Spencer in bad shape. He managed to evade Riggins for the remainder of the round and cleverly outboxed him the rest of the way.

Cal (Ginger) Brown, 154, Spokane, took an easy decision over clownish Ernie Gipson 157, Seattle, in six.

In four, Clyde Williams, 145, Portland, Ore., in his pro blow outboxed Doug Eier, 147½, Clarkston, Wash., with the aid of two unseen fouls which he did not need to win.

Bat Masterson, 151, Odessa, Texas, defeated Mickey Gilmer, 156, Seattle, in the four-round curtain raiser.

Alonzo Johnson was to have met Kirk Barrow in the main event but a minor operation forced Johnson to cancel after which he was replaced by Howard King who likewise dropped out due to his wife's illness. Then Barrow injured his hand in his victory over Wayne Bethea and a substitute top liner was arranged. This accounted for a poor crowd of only 1312 paying $2,835 and proved that Barrow is our top performer. His bouts have ranged between $10,000 and $15,000 against Radamacher, Bethea and Sixto Rodriguez.

GRIFFITH BEATS ORTEGA

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Ray Robinson and Carmen Basilio.

(Before Nat Fleischer shakes an admonishing finger at me and says "t'sk, t'sk, t'sk," I hasten to add the name of Tommy Ryan, who won the welterweight title by trouncing Mysterious Billy Smith in Minneapolis, 1894, then laid claim to the middleweight crown when Bob Fitzsimmons relinquished same, and finally, in 1898, took possession of the throne by whipping George Green.)

But not all welterweight champs who campaigned in heavier classes were successful in winning the 160-pound crown. Pete Latzo, who took the title from Mickey Walker, skipped the middleweight division and twice fought Tommy Loughran for the light-heavyweight title. Young Corbett III and Kid Gavilan fought for the middleweight crown, but were unsuccessful. Henry Armstrong fought Ceferino Garcia for the N.B.A. title in 1940 (I publicized that one) but the referee, the late George Vincent Blake, called it a draw.

Since Ortega made 145½ for the Ortega fight, and appeared to have no weight difficulties, I don't take his statement too seriously. There are some pretty good welters listed among the "Top Ten" in The Ring.

It is possible that Griffith does not hold too high an opinion of the current crop of middleweights, and thinks he can take the measure of such as Paul Pender and Gene Fullmer. Well, maybe he can.

Besides, a 22-year-old is still a growing boy. Gene Tunney, at 25, was still a light-heavyweight; Ezzard Charles, at 22, was still a middleweight, and Mickey Walker, at 24, was still fighting welterweights.

One thing about Emile Griffith: he has done more to make the Virgin Islands famous than any other human of this generation. Quickly, now: can you name ANY Virgin Islander, aside from Emile, who has won international recognition?

Griffith has also helped the millinery industry.

He designed a hat known as "Blossoms" which proved to be a hit number. It is well-known that his manager is Howard Albert, a wealthy bonnet manufacturer. In a local interview, Howard was interviewed by Bob Oates of the Examiner.

"What is the champ's forte in millinery?" asked Oates.

"Emile is an exquisite color stylist," replied Mr. Albert, a former amateur boxer. *"A Griffith creation is always a blend of exciting colors."*

"Like black and blue?" asked Oates.

"Yes," replied Albert. *"One of his Blossoms was three shades of blue. Another was beige, coffee and orange. As a variation he uses beige, coffee and mint green. The foundation of the hat industry, you see, is color variation on a solid design, and Emile is a good mixer."*

Another item elicited from the voluble and articulate Mr. Albert: after every fight, Griffith brings a brother or sister from the Virgin Islands. He has eight brothers and sisters living in New York now. Last year, he also made enough to invest $12,000 in the business.

"How much of it was earned in the hat business?"

"Let's just say that Emile is the greatest thing for the hat business since Jacqueline Kennedy."

To the best of this writer's recollection, Emile Griffith is the first milliner to win recognition in the ring. Hence we nominate him the "Militant Milliner."

Back in the antiquity of boxing, many fighters were known by their trades or occupations. Thus we had George Meggs, the Collier; Hooper the Tinman; Stevens the Nailer; John Boone the Grenadier; Randall the Butcher; Hickman the Gasman; Gaynor the Carpenter, etc.

All in all, Emile Griffith had what is known technically as a "very good press," meaning that the scribblin' boys were much impressed with what one described as a "clipped Oxonian accent," as well as his modesty, humility and intelligence.

MOORE AGAIN

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of fistic operations, it was his 214th fight, and his 183rd victory. His knockout total of 132 is an all-time record. Archie has lost 25 bouts and has been held to draws on six occasions. Compared to him, Rinaldi was a comparative novice, engaging in his 31st professional bout. His record shows 25 victories, with eight knockouts, and six defeats.

The general opinion around the ringside was that Moore was fortunate his opponent wasn't Harold Johnson or Doug Jones. True, Archie knocked out Johnson in fourteen rounds back in 1954, but off his form against Rinaldi it seemed doubtful he could do it again, particularly in view of the Philadelphian's impressive operations of late. Archie has slowed down with the years, while Johnson, at 33, seems to be better than ever, a brilliant boxer and a dangerous sharpshooter. Jones, although a comparative youngster at 24, and fighting only three years, has already proved himself strong, durable, a good if not great boxer and a stiff two-handed puncher, with ten knockouts among his eighteen consecutive victories.

In his dressing room after the fight, Moore admitted that this was not one of his better fights and that he though Rinaldi should go back to school for a more thorough learning of techniques, all of which must have been apparent to sage ole Archie in Rome a year ago when the stage was set for their second meeting, Archie went on to talk about future plans.

Along with his wiley manager Jack (Doc) Kearns, a blue print of things to come was etched for the press.

Moore is on again off again as to whether he would fight Harold Johnson, whom he has defeated in four out of their five meetings. He has said that for $100,000 he would fight him and on more occasions than not, said that his plans call for "no Johnson" and a trip to Europe where he hopes to meet light-heavyweight Lennart Risberg and a possible match with ex-heavyweight champ, Ingemar Johansson as a big-money bout.

He also admits that he wouldn't mind going into the heavies for a match with Floyd Patterson, for the world heavyweight title.

He has, of course, no worry about his light heavy title at the moment since he will have a period of grace before he must make up his mind about defending it or becoming a full-fledged heavyweight. He stated that *"I would like to fight around 183 pounds, my best fighting weight."*

In between "big bouts" Archie hopes to keep in shape with some easy touches in Europe, which should also keep his pocket filled with traveling money.

His big danger is that one of these unforgettable nights Moore will take on one too many suckers and find he has gone to the well, once-too-often. The public won't buy too many more return matches of the Rinaldi scope.

IN LATIN AMERICA

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

LA LAGUNA TERRITORY

PLAZA DE TOROS "TORREON", Torreon City.—Fernando Hernandez, Promoter.

Two boxing shows were staged during the month in the Big Arena. The results:

Raymundo "Battling" Torres, 148, scored an easy 4-round knockout over young Walt Varez, 145, Los Angeles. Torres floored his foe twice before the finish.

Veteran Florencio Olpiendo, "Danny Kid", 124, Philippino, stopped brave Gregorio "Goyo" Flores, 125, in the last round of their scheduled tenner.

Newcomer Luis Ramirez, 123, kayoed Roman Rodriguez, 124, in the seventh heat. Lupe Briones, 118, bested Hilario Ovalle, 117, in six. Porfirio "Pilo" Guash, 118, whipped Carmelo Cortez, 119, in four rounds.

▸ Sensational youngster Jose "Joe" Valenzuela, 110, put to sleep Luis Gonzalez, 109, in the fourth of their scheduled 12-round championship bout. The little guy is now the Flyweight Champ of La Laguna. The title was vacant since Goyo Flores grew into a featherweight. The new Champ floored his foe four times before the finish.

In the 10-round semifinal, another youngster, Guillermo "Memin" Rangel, 132, defeated Vicente Nuño, 134, in a savage fight. Nicolas Gomez, 119, upset "Pilo" Guash, 118, in six. Felix Rodriguez, 117, stopped Jose Lucio Diaz, 118, in the third heat. Mariano Rebollano, 107, bested Genaro Herrera, 108, in four rounds.

▸ **ARENA "CUENCAME", Cuencame City.**—Ramiro Vigil, Promoter.

Four shows were staged during the month in this little town of the Durango State. The results follow:

Memin Rangel, 131, kayoed Teo Gonzalez, 131, in the eighth round. Eloy Sanchez II, 118, and Carmelo Cortez, 119, drew after eight rounds. Enrique Castillo, 113, whipped Manny Flores, 110, in four. Chano Villagrana, 111, bested Kid DeAgata, 110, in other 4-rounder.

"Flecha Veloz", 145, kayoed Chilo Madrigal, 143, in the fifth round. Poncho Villalpando, 118, and Manny Flores, 114, drew after 8 rounds. "Tequila Kid", 119, decisioned Mike Torres, 120, in four. Chucho Escareño, 109, drew with Julio Segura, 107, in four rounds.

Indio Gonzalez, 146, upset Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 148, in ten rounds. "Guero" Diaz, 118, kayoed Joe "Zurdo" Torres, 119, in the sixth. Jesus Ramirez, 118, kayoed Luis Varela, 117, in four. Gildo Ruiz, 117, stopped Chulavista Kid, 117, in the third heat.

Antonio "Zorrito" Ramirez, 145, took revenge from his former conqueror "Indio" Gonzalez, 144, and he outscored the "Indian" in ten well-fought rounds. Mario "Pelon" Ruiz, 119, kayoed Francisco "Chico" Esparza, 118, in the sixth round. Felipe "Maguey" Rodriguez, 118, outpointed Castor Padilla, 119, in four. Fernando Mariscal, 117, halted Rodolfo Woo, 117, in the third.

THE PROVINCES

▸ **OAXACA:**—Efren "Chamaco" Jimenez, 125, one of the best national prospects, kayoed Jorge Salazar, 123, in only three rounds.

▸ **MATAMOROS:** — "Pulga" Garcia, 125, kayoed "Gallo" Garcia, 129, in three heats. Kid Gallardo, 125, stopped Monse Chapa, 124, in the second round.

▸ **TIJUANA:**—Eduardo "Lalo" Guerrero, 125, the Mexico City Hawk, won by disqualification over veteran New Yorker Ike Chestnut, 128, in the sixth round.

▸ **TAPACHULA:**—Rolando "Ventarron" Mendoza, 132, kayoed Rafael Camacho, 135, in the eighth round.

▸ **MATAMOROS:**—"Borrado" Aguirre, 125, bested Alvaro Sosa, 127, in eight rounds. Baby Castro, 126, whipped "Sato" Flores, 125, in eight. "Gallito" Uribe, 118, kayoed Johnny Galvan, 117, in the third round.

▸ **DURANGO:**—The Big Scorpion, Marcelo, Vargas, 147, kayoed veteran Kid Juarez, 150, in the ninth round. Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 121, stopped Luis Antunes, 126, in only two heats.

▸ **MONTERREY:**—High ranking Eddie Perkins, 135, got a split 10-round duke over veteran ex-Champion Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 132. "Pulga" Garcia, 123, kayoed Saul de la Rosa, 122, in three rounds.

▸ **GUADALAJARA:**—Anselmo Hernandez, 126, upset Antonio "Chiquis" Rosales Acapulco, 127, in ten rounds. Alberto Martinez, 125, beat Heliodoro Hernandez, 124, also in ten.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO:**—Speedy and clever Manuel "Che" Alvarez, 130, Argentina, S.A., scored a 7-round technical decision over Lalo Duque, 135. Manuel Ochoa, 126, whipped Rafael Sotelo, 125, in ten heats.

Ramon Arias of Venezuela who will face Eder Jofre for the latter's world bantamweight title in Caracas on July 20th. It will be Eder's first defense and the second attempt at a world title by Ramon who was foiled in a bid for the flyweight crown by Pascual Perez in 1958.

▸ **ACAPULCO:** — Ramon "Texan" Hurtado, 143, stopped Alex Arenas, 140, in the sixth round. Both men visited the canvas: Texan one time and Alex twice. "Toro" Navarrete, 118, only needed but one round to stop Agapito Candelas, 119.

▸ **MOCHIS:**—Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, 116, official challenger for the national flyweight title, kayoed feather Joe Valdez, 122, in six rounds. Jose Luis Mendez, 125, Mexico City, kayoed Rudy Montiel, 127, in the seventh heat.

▸ **LEON:** — Ramiro Rosales, 123, kayoed Fili Hernandez, 122, in the fifth. "Venadito" Lopez, 124, bested Marcelo Gonzalez, 123, in ten rounds.

▸ **TIJUANA:** — Cuban slugger Ultiminio "Sugar" Ramos, 130, demolished Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, 128, flooring him by 4 times and finished the job with a 3-round kayo triumph.

▸ **OBREGON:**—Ramon Gastelum, 136, kayoed Tony Lopez, 140, in the last round of their scheduled tenner.

▸ **GUADALAJARA:**—Luis Manuel Rodriguez, 147, the best welter of Cuba since "The Hawk", easily kayoed Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 149, in four rounds. Al visited the canvas two times before the finish. Juan Prieto, 138, stopped Arturo Macias, 143, in only two rounds.

▸ **NOGALES:**—Archie Moore, 185, put to sleep Clifford Gray, 220, Los Angeles, in the fourth round.

▸ **ACAPULCO:** — Local idol Juan Ibares, 121, decisioned Rudy Corona, 123, Sonora Cowboy, in ten fast rounds. Nicolas Sanchez, 125, knocked cold Fernando Garcia, 126, in the third.

▸ **MONTERREY:**—Silvestre Martinez, 115, stopped "Chico" Jasso, 112, in the second round. Manuel "Changa" Magallanes, 115, iced Claudio Murillo, 118, in the sixth heat.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO:** — "Gallito" Gonzalez, 125, kayoed Rigo Guadarrama "Queretaro Kid", 128, in the tenth round. Jose de la Cerda, 130, defeated Secundino Rodriguez, 129, in ten.

▸ **OBREGON:**—Tony Perez, 132, whipped Andres Garcia, 133, in ten rounds. The defeated one visited the canvas two times. Francisco Cancio, 140, iced "Remolino" Lugo, 136, in the very first round.

▸ **LA PAZ:**—A mutual butt produced a two-round technical draw between Marcelo Vargas, 147, Durango, and Hilario Morales, 145, Mexico City. Lucio "Cemito" Arreola, 127, kayoed Otilio Delgado, 126, in the fifth round.

▸ **MOCHIS:**—Guillermo "Memo" Ayon, 160, and Everardo Armenta, 158, drew after ten rounds. Jesse Armenta, 130, kayoed "Culichi" Gil, 129, in the last round of their scheduled tenner. Pastor Gonzalez, 125, bested Mayico Robles, 123, in ten.

▸ **FRESNILLO:** — Battling Kid, 124, outpointed Ignacio "TunTun" Torres, 120, in ten rounds. Juan Ramirez, 125, Zacatecas (not the national feather champ), decisioned Frank Figueroa, 123, in other 10 rounder.

▸ **MAZATLAN:**—Mario Diaz, 126, whipped Panchito Macias, 125, in ten rounds. Freddie Felix, 125, kayoed Joe Gonzalez, 125, in the third round.

▸ **MATAMOROS:**—Vicente "Pichon" Ramirez, 130, bested "Pollo" Gabiño, 128, in ten rounds. Baby Castro, 132, kayoed Al Davila, 137, in the fifth.

▸ **REYNOSA:** — "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 122, stopped Panchito Hernandez, 123, in the eighth round. Kid Gallardo, 125, knocked cold Ruben Gaona, 126, in the third heat.

▸ **TIJUANA:**—Enrique "Pulga" Serrano, 125, outscored Teddy Rand, 126, Los Angeles, in ten rounds. "Pollo" Morales, 126, whipped Gabriel Brambila, 127, in ten.

▸ **JUAREZ:** — Jose Luis Cruz, 130, surpassed Claudio "Lobito" Adame, 132, and he finally knocked out his man in the seventh round. Margarito "Tacuba" Uribe, 122, whipped Eduardo Santos, 125, in eight rounds.

▸ **TUXTLA GUTIERREZ:** — Jose Aparicio, 126, bested Luis Jimenez, 120, Mexico City, in ten.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO:**—"Güero" DeLeon, 132, halted Hector Ramirez, 130, in the seventh round. "Güero", that means "blonde" in English, floored his foe 5 times! Elias Olivo, 113, kayoed "Pulga" Sanchez, 116, in the fifth. "Pulga" visited the canvas twice before the finish.

▸ **MONTERREY:**—Tony Martinez, 119, got the 10-round decision over "Chamaco" Perez, 120, a newcomer. Sabino Mendez, 120, put to sleep Miguel Jasso, 118, in four rounds.

▸ **GUADALAJARA:**—"Chico" Rodriguez, 141, upset topnotcher David Cervantes, 145, in ten rounds. Babe Reyes, 134, decisioned Kid Roma, 136, Acapulco, in ten rounds.

▸ **OBREGON:**—Hector Agundez, 123, nailed Joe Valdez, 125, in the fifth round. Frankie Silva, 125, scored a 2-round technical decision over Kid Acapulco, 126.

▸ **ACAPULCO:** — Hermelindo Mondragon, 119, halted Ramiro Rosales, 121, in only two rounds. Raul Arredondo, 118, kayoed Wilfrido Cruz, 117, in the third. "Raton" Perez, 114, also kayoed "Cachorro" Martinez, 113, in the fifth heat.

▸ **CULIACAN:**—Clever and wise veteran Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 133, former national champ, easily handled Beto Gerardo, 137, during the full 10-round route to get a clean cut decision triumph. Miguel Aceves, 132, knocked out Luis Santamaria, 135, in the tenth round.

▸ **JUAREZ:**—Little Guy is confirming his high grade! Yes sir, Edmundo "Mundo" Esparza, 118, the frontier torpedo, easily whipped experienced Emeterio "Eloy" Sanchez, 117, in ten rounds. Eloy, the same man who finished Joe Becerra, did a gallant fight but he was surpassed by the clever little guy of Juarez.

▸ **LEON:** — Vicente Saldivar, 125, stopped Babe Lopez, 124, in only two rounds.

▸ **GUADALAJARA:**—The Cuban slugger, Ultiminio "Sugar" Ramos, 132, ranked as the second featherweight of the world, took lightweight Ramon "Bobby" Cervantes, 134, and he knocked him out in four rounds. Bobby, a real brave of the ring, visited the canvas five times before Ultiminio had finished him for keeps.

▸ **MONTERREY:** — Manuel "Che" Alvarez, 136, Argentina, S.A., scored a real upset when he outboxed and outscored Alfredo Urbina, 135, national lightweight champion, in ten rounds. The Mexican champ, a real slugger, floored the Argentinian in the sixth heat but Alvarez arose from the canvas to best his man. A real good triumph for Señor Alvarez. In the 10-round semi Eliseo Garcia, 124, decisioned "Ardilla" Garcia, 126.

▸ **ACAPULCO:** — Lauro Garcia, Acapulco, 125, whipped Henry Macias, 126, Jalisco, in ten. Lorenzo Cruz, 115, decisioned Raul Martinez, 115, in eight rounds.

▸ **SALINA CRUZ:** — Luis Mendez, 109, kayoed "Gato Negro" (Black Cat), 113, in the second round.

▸ **PURUANDIRO:**—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 127, took on Babe Laredo, 130, and iced his man in the second heat.

▸ **REYNOSA:**—Santiago "Cain" Rogero, 126, decisioned David Rodriguez Zapata, 127, in ten rounds. Beto Martinez, 125, bested Pablo Cabrera, 127, in the 10-round semifinal.

PUNCHING IN PUERTO RICO

By Mario Rivera

Sixto Escobar Stadium

The wandering little man returned to the little island where he first saw the light of day and to the stadium that bears his name and received a standing ovation, when introduced, the likes he had not heard since the days he was bantamweight champion of the world around 25 years ago. . . . The little man was Sixto Escobar and the occasion was during the last boxing program presented by promotor Rafael Tirado at the Escobar Stadium.

In the feature ten rounder Daniel Berrios, 135, scored an upset ten round decision over New Englander Tommy Tibbs, 132½. . . . Although Tibbs seemed to have a slight edge over Berrios a lot more was expected of him as compared to his relatively inexperienced foe. Berrios displayed his usual aggressive style while Tibbs didn't seem to want to overexert himself. Both boys missed quite often and didn't seem to be

the worst for wear when the final bell sounded. Referee Colon-Garcia and Judge Roberts had it 98-97 in favor of Berrios while Judge Edmundo Fernandez had it 98-97 in favor of Tibbs.

Hector "Chino" Diaz, 135, continued his winning ways when he easily outpointed Benny Gordon, 136, New York, in ten rounds. Diaz used his advantage in height by scoring effectively with jabs and hooks. In some cases Gordon seemed to roll with the punches.

In the best event of the evening Vernon Lynch, 128, New York, took command after the third round from Carlos T. Cruz, 128, Santo Domingo, gaining a clear ten round decision. Cruz started out fast taking a lead in the first three rounds while Lynch was hampered by bad eye cuts. Victor Valle, who was working in Lynch's corner, was able to control the bleeding while Vernon went into high gear from the fourth on proceeding to batter Cruz and having him on the verge of a knockout in the seventh round . . . Cruz was on the defensive from the seventh on and barely managed to last the limit. There were no knockdowns.

In six rounds Emilio Roman, 118½, closed strongly over a tiring Francisco "Cano" Marero, 118, to gain the decision.

In four rounds Alfredo Gonzalez Almeyda easily outpointed Antonio Gonzalez. They are welterweights.

2,351 fans paid approximately $5,000 to see the show.

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▸ Sixto Escobar's trip to Puerto Rico from New York was principally to be present at the second festival of the Puerto Rican sports Hall of Fame of which he was elected a member. Pedro Montanez, former high ranking U.S.A. and European lightweight was also elected but he could not be present. Nevertheless his award will be given to him by The Ring Correspondent Mario Rivera who will be in New York within two weeks.

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Bahamas Boxing News
By Chris Malakius

Boxing has always been the top drawing sport in the Bahamas but down through the years fight promoters have taken advantage of this by presenting fans with poor shows and mismatches. Something should be done before the great game of boxing is killed here in the Bahama Islands.

Nassau—Rising Al Taylor, 161¾, Mayaguaha, looked sensational in scoring a technical knockout over Bobby Shore, 160, Atlanta, Ga. in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Bahamas Boxing Stadium, promoted by Douglas Carey.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

MERIDA, YUC: Zurdo Aparecido, 116, a clever boy who is expected to become the new sensation of this region, clearly outpointed Baby Albornoz, 118, in six good rounds. Rach Camara, 109, triumped over Pastor Medina, 112, after 6 thrilling rounds.

Leoncito Peralta, 136, defeated Kid Guayacan, 130, in 4. Zurdo Aparecido II, 119, outboxed Pepe el Toro II, 119, in 4. Tirzo Vazquez, 106, put Santiago Estrella, 105, to sleep in the opening round and Tony Galera, 105, TKO'd Chueco Ramos, 103, in the second.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Ausencio "Negrito" Medina, 120, scored a 4th round knockout over Pantera del Carmen (Guadalupe Contreras), 119.

In the semi-final six, Manolo Ortiz, 115, grabbed the decision over Aurelio Reyes, 117, from Veracruz. Veteran Luis Miranda, 120, embalmed Sixto Campos, 124, of Mexico City, in the fifth round. Gavilan Martinez, 108, stopped Pedro Aguilar, 110, in 2. Relampago Kid, 109, won over Baby Valdez, 108, in four while Torito Canul, 116, knocked out Luis Firpo, 116, in 3.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Zurdo Aparecido (Carlos Navarrete), 117, and Lino Prieto, 116, of Veracruz, went to a draw in 6 rounds. The crowd protested the decision because Prieto forced the fight, but Aparecido landed the most effective punches and buckled Prieto's knees on a number of occasions.

Luis Quijano, 128, boxed a draw battle with Joe "Chino" Celis, 124, of Chetumal, in 6. Promising Joe Berzunza, 135, TKO'd Leoncito Peralta, 136, in only two rounds.

Kiko Rios, 124, outscored Chocolate Ray, 122, in four. Kid Negrito, 115, nailed Baby Flores, 114, in the second and Tirzo Vazquez, 106, defeated Conejo Santos, 106, in 4.

▸ **PROGRESO, YUC:** After many years without any fights, the boxing season started in this port. In the main event, Eloy "Negro" Alcala, 142, got a draw in six rounds with veteran Hernan "Zurdo" Gonzalez, 143. Joe Berzunza, 135, landed a right hook to the jaw of Kid Veracruz, 136, and put him to sleep in the third.

Juan Peralta, 112, beat Relampago Kid, 109, in four and Gil Martinez, 107, TKO'd Melchor Diaz, 109, in the second.

▸ **MERIDA, YUC:** Southpaw Rach Camara, 110, won a hard earned decision over Pastor Medina, 113, in six. Samara did a pretty good job. Perla de San Francisco, 114, of Campeche, won by disqualification over Manolo Ortiz, 114, in the second.

Sixto Campos, 124, of Mexico City, whipped Luis Miranda, 120, in six fast rounds. Baby Mendicuti, 110, stopped Peter Cruz, 107, in two. Tony Galera, 105, bested Relampago Kid, 108, in 4 and William Briceño, 116, kayoed Jesus Vazquez, 117, in the first round.

▸ **PROGRESO, YUC:** Luis Quijano, 128 convincingly outpointed Carlos Lara, 129, in 6 rugged rounds, but the decision was an unpopular draw. Gil Martinez, 107, clinched the unanimous decision over Juan Peralta, 112, in four fast rounds.

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BOXING IN JAMAICA
By Gillie Campbell

At George VI Park, Kingston. Bunny Grant, the lightweight champion, retained his title by a unanimous decision over Percy Hayles after 15 rounds of exciting and close fighting. Both fighters fought to a draw decision last December when Hayles fighting his first 15 rounder and his second ever over 8, stole the show by a great last round display in which he buckled the champion's knees with the best punch of the encounter, and earned the decision on the cards of many knowledgeable spectators.

As a result both before the fight and up to the end of round five the betting on the challenger was heavy. But after this the champion took the initiative and launched a blistering counter attack rarely ever seen locally and closed the gap. He kept in control despite occasional bursts by Hayles and another last round Sunday punch and won a clear and undisputed decision.

Middleweights Rudolph Bent and Rupert Bentley drew in the semi-final 10.

Hugh Serville decisioned Billy Greaves in a Welter 6 and Hurricane Grant won in 4 over Coley Wallace (featherweights). This was a Stanley Mair promotion.

▸ **At George VI Park, Kingston,** a Puckoo DeSouza promotion, brought together Jimmy Beecham of Miami and Hippolito Linares, middleweight champion of Cuba in a much awaited return contest. Beecham held a K.O. decision over Linares who, however, had come on a great deal since, and was confident of reversing this decision. In fact he was well on the way to accomplishing his ambition at the end of round 7 and although he was flattened by Beecham after this it had nothing to do with the 2nd defeat now recorded against him. The fighting which took place up to the end of round 7 when it was stopped was exciting but the end was only the beginning of a far more action packed battle. After taking the first round Beecham was completely out of the picture as Linares with a series of powerful left hooks cut and shook his adversary time and time again and kept on top steadily until round 7 when Beecham vainly looking for a K.O. to bring him back into the fight found himself in real trouble instead.

Then suddenly in a close exchange there was a clash of heads and Linares came out with a cut right eye. Turning to complain to the referee he received a savage overhand right, right on target to rip the cut wide open. At this stage the Doctor ordered a stoppage and Beecham was announced the winner.

Beecham going over to console with Linares met with a terrific swing as the Cuban seemed to misunderstand his intentions. In the ensuing brawl Beecham achieved the goal which had eluded him for the previous half hour and floored Linares.

In the semi-final Julito Lopez, lightweight champion of Dominica defeated Hart Grant in 8.

Kid Bassey was disqualified in 6 for not trying against Lloyd Barnett (lightweights) and Louis Samuel won in a middleweight 6 over Vincent Ramsay. Subsequently both Linares and Bassey were suspended for 3 months each by the Boxing Board.

BOXING IN ARGENTINA
By Simón Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

TEMPERLEY. — Undefeated flyweight Miguel Angel Botta, and one of the better prospects in Argentine Boxing, kayoed Waldemiro Torres, from Uruguay in two rounds.

▸ **FUERTE GENERAL ROCA.**—Welterweight Rogelio André, drew in 10 with Cruz Dominguez and Alberto Rotondo, in the light class, drew with Alejandrino Rojas.

▸ **ROSARIC.—At the "Sud" ring,** undefeated welter Juan C. Juncos kayoed Tufi Gomez in 10.

▸ **SANTA FE.**—For the local middle title, Ramón Perelló kayoed Bernardo Romero in the fifth round.

▸ **AZUL.**—In the heavyweight class, Gregorio Peralta kayoed Ricardo Gonzalez in six.

▸ **FUERTE GENERAL ROCA.**—In the welter class, Rogelio André, kayoed Juan Pueblas in three and South American feather champion, Ricardo Gonzalez, kayoed Gonzalez Neyra, from Chile in the third.

▸ **VILLA LYNCH.**—Undefeated lightweight Abel Laudonio, Argentine representative in the Olympic Games of Melbourne as a flyweight and in Rome in 1960 as a lightweight, kayoed Guillermo Hollman in four.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—In the feather division, Héctor Quijada kayoed Juan Acosta in the ninth round.

▸ **SAN JUAN.**—Hard punching welter Dante "Red" Rodriguez, kayoed Napoleao Gomez Da Silva, from Brasil in the tenth round.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—In the welter class, Kid Roldan outpointed Rodolfo Mendoza in 10 and at the same weight Antonio Rivera won on points in 10 over Jorge Foffani.

▸ **TANDIL.**—Good welter prospect Juan Carlos Ducay, outpointed Pedro Quiroga in ten.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In the light heavyweight class, Mario Tarzetti drew in 10 with Americo Cordoba.

▸ **CHASCOMUS.**—Justo Benitez, light heavyweight, won by a T.K.O. in six over Alberto Martinotti.

▸ **ROSARIO.**—At the "Norte" ring, lightweight Hugo Rambaldi won by a T.K.O. in seventh round over Dionisio Gauto.

▸ **SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO.**—In the welter division, Raul Mottola outpointed Rodolfo Alvarez in 10 and at the same weight, José Tula kayoed Jose Robles in ten.

▸ **TEMPERLEY.**—In the lightweight class, Adam Gomez outpointed Carlos Clemente in 10 and in the welter division, Mauro Acosta won on points in 10 rounds over Victor Córdoba.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—In the feather class, Segundo Frias won on points in 10 rounds over Carlos Estrada. In a welter bout, Americo Godoy drew in 10 with Kid Roldan and local welter champion Juan Carlos Velardez, outpointed in 10 rounds Antonio Rivera.

▸ **ROSARIO.—At the "Norte" ring,** Juan Carlos Casas outpointed Santos Simili in ten.

▸ **ROSARIO.—At the "Sur" ring,** undefeated flyweight Miguel Angel Botta, won by a T.K.O. in the third over Hector Labrador.

▸ **CORDOBA.** — Good welter prospect Ricardo Falech winner over Ted Wright at Luna Park ring, outpointed Angel Ahumada in 10.

▸ **MENDOZA.**—in the light class, Nicolino Loche won by a T.K.O. in 10 over Julio Catalini.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—In the feather class, Carlos Rosane outpointed Domingo Tacuabé in 10.

▸ **LA RIOJA.**—In the feather class, Vicente Vezzoni won by a T.K.O. in fifth round over Dardo Brizuela.

▸ **TEMPERLEY.** — Argentine and Southamerican welter champion Luis Federico Thompson kayoed Ramon Perello in two, and lightweight Aldo Gomez lost on points in 10 after Juan Rolon.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—In the light class, Vicente Derado outpointed Vicente Vezzoni in 10.

▸ **ROSARIO**—Welter Raúl Roldan, local champion, outpointed in 10 Cruz Dominguez.

▸ **MENDOZA.** — Lightheavyweight Jose Manzur kayoed Alfredo Yacanto in nine.

▸ **CIPOLLETTI.**—Ex-fly world champion Pascual Perez kayoed Francisco Bahamondez in the third.

▸ **VILLA LYNCH.**—Alberto Rotondo, lightweight, drew in 8 with Luis Roldan.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—Lightweight Antonio Murano, local champion, outpointed Amorindo Amicuzzi in 10.

▸ **SAN JUAN.**—In the welter class, Dante "Red" Rodriguez, lost by a T.K.O. in seventh round to Pedro Almagro.—The referee stopped the fight.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—Roberto Palavecino, in a very good performance, outpointed in 10 rounds Alfredo Bunetta. They are feathers.

▸ **SALTA.** — Argentine middle champion Farid Salim, outpointed Luis Toledo in 10.

▸ **LA RIOJA.**—The veteran middleweight Alfonso Moreno outpointed Anibal Reyes in 10.

▸ **TEMPERLEY.**—In the light class, Nestor Savino outpointed Sergio Vivanco in 10 and in 8 rounds, Enrique Fernandez drew with Ernesto Tejero.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—In the middle class, Esteban Caprani outpointed Miguel A. Paez in 10.

▸ **VILLA LYNCH.**—Undefeated middleweight Ignacio Magallanes, won by a T.K.O. in seventh round over Sixto Tiselli, from Italy.

▸ **MENDOZA.**—In the middle class, Ubaldo Sacco outpointed Francisco Gelabert in 10.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—In the lightweight, Hector Quijada and Carlos Cappella drew in 10 rounds.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—For the local light title, Tristan Falfan outpointed Hugo Juarez in 10.

▸ **MAR DEL PLATA.**—Middleweight Isidro O. Astudillo outpointed the veteran Tito Yanni in 10. Yanni was Argentine representative in the welter class in the Olympic Games of London in 1948.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

Boxing cards during May included only domestic talent.

Jose Luis Valdez, 125, defeated Chebo Vazquez, 126, by disqualification in 5. Jose Chavez, 120, decisioned Antonio Suarez, 120, in 8. Jose Luis Mendez, 124, decisioned Lino Bernal, 126, in 6. Alfonso Bonilla, 125, decisioned Antolin Fragoso, 126, in 6. Juan Sierra, 123, decisioned Manuel "Copetes" Lopez, 122, in 4.

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▸ Chato Cadena, 135, decisioned Enrique Camarena, 134, in 10. Rafael Ayala, 118, drew with Marceliano Diaz, 119, in 8. Serafin Morales, 126, decisioned Raymundo Zavala, 125, in 6. Bernabe Escobar, 126, decisioned Norberto Contreras, 125, in 6. Andreas Bello, 125, decisioned Jaime Robert, 124, in 4.

▸ Cuervo Salinas, 112, beat Carlos Gomez, 111, in 10. Miguel Rojas, 135, defeated Samuel Villanueva, 134, in 8. Daniel Valdez, 118, outpointed Pedro Zapata, 116, in 6. Pepe Silva, 125, stopped Felix Becerril, 126, in 6. Ramiro Garcia, 111, stopped Boni Diaz, 112, in 1.

▸ Pichon Reyes, 147, stopped Enrique Esqueda, 146, in 2. Jaime Perez, 113, decisioned Juan Hernandez, 112, in 8. Panchito Ramirez, 126, stopped Bernabe Escobar, 125, in 3. Boticario Reyes, 112, stopped Enrique Cordoba, 111, in 3. Miguel Castro, 118, stopped Carmelo Sanchez, 117, in 2.

▸ Ray Ruiz, 125, defeated Chilo Barranco, 126, in 10. Rosendo Martinez, 126, beat Eduardo Duran, 126, in 8. Osito Galvan, 116, decisioned Rolando Martinez, 118, in 6. Felipe Valencia, 111, decisioned Torito Gomez, 112, in 6. Tigre Mendoza, 112, stopped Angel Lopez, 112, in 1.

▸ Tacuba Hernandez, 118, was given the decision over Torito Mota, by disqualification in 3. Victorio Guzman, 134, stopped Cordoba Rodriguez, 135, in 7. Muralla Zamora, 135, and Vicente Vazquez, 134, drew in 6. Juan Molina, 112, stopped Roman Rodriguez, 111, in 4. Roberto Ibarra, 118, decisioned Javier Rodriguez, 117, in 4.

▸ Miguel Paredes, 118, stopped Chatito Ochoa, 118, in 1. Jose Aparicio, 123, stopped Cuco Rodriguez, 123, in 8. David Becerril, 133, decisioned Miguel Rodriguez, 134, in 6. Ceferino Manrique, 120, stopped Ciro Giles, 116, in 2. Chino Mora, 117, stopped Juan Chavez, 118, in 3.

Boxing in Panama
By Juan C. Copeland

Panama City . . . At the National Gymnasium, Eloy Henry, Panama's lightweight champion, gained the unanimous verdict over former bantam and feather king Melvin Bourne after ten hard fought rounds. The show was promoted by the Torres Brothers.

▸ **Colon** . . . At the Arena, the return bout between Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, 130¾ of Panama and Cuba's Cristobal Gonzalez was a lulu while it lasted. Tito had won a disputed split decision last month, but this time left no doubt as he floored knockdowns in both the first and second and stopped his helpless foe in third round.

In the semi-final six, Humberto Trottman, 120¾ and Augustin Moreno, 122 fought to a spirited draw. In another six Ismael Laguna, 117, kayoed Battling Escudero, 120¼ in 2:55 of the second round. In the opening bout Luis Del-Cid, 127 won a unanimous decision over Joe Sande, 126½.

▸ **NATIONAL GYM, Panama City . . . Torres Brothers promoters** . . . Panama bantamweight champion Hector Hicks turned in an impressive victory when he stopped the high ranking Mexican contender Carlos Hernandez in 2:42 of the tenth and final round. The referee stopped the bout as Carlos was taking a pounding on the ropes and appeared defenseless. However, Hicks paid a $200 forfeit when he came in overweight, weighing 124 to 118 for Hernandez.

In the semi-final, Pedro Carvajal, 104, won over Carlos Real, 108, in a good fast action bout. In another six the veteran Black Bill, 130, appeared to have an edge on Clyde Thomas, 134, but it ended up in a draw as each official scored it differently.

Carlos Guttierez, 113½, gained a split decision over Visitacion Caseres, 116¼, in the four round opener.

Ring News from Sunny Australia
By Ray Mitchell

There's nothing like a good solid whack on the whiskers to bring out the best in a boxer. Until his last fight, Australian featherweight Colin Bell was a pretty good fighter who won almost all of his bouts but he was not particularly attractive and varied his work little. Then he met Filipino featherweight, Tiger Willie at Sydney Stadium. Willie socked Bell on the jaw with a right in the first round. Col went down like a sack of spuds. He got up in a couple of seconds or so and started to box like a champion.

For round after round Bell gave a sparkling display of clever boxing. But in the 12th round, he ran foul of Willie again, took a couple of counts and referee Ronnie James stopped it and crowned the Filipino.

Bell made a lot more friends in defeat than he ever did in victory.

▸ An Irish featherweight arrived in Australia a few weeks ago. His name is Hugh O'Neill. He met Australian featherweight champion Wally Taylor at the Brisbane Festival Hall. Wally, an aggressive type did all right until the fourth. Then the roof fell on him. He beat the ten but he was woozy. It developed into a good fight and Taylor won by a fairly large margin. But he wasn't as reckless after the fourth round.

▸ O'Neill met Tiger Willie at Sydney Stadium. Willie dumped him early but that was one of the few times he touched the Irishman. O'Neill revealed a clever defense, a clever attack and an ability to smother the dangerous punches of his opponent without going into his shell. It was a fast fight and O'Neill won it easily on points.

When O'Neill arrived in Australia, he wasn't alone. Travelling with him was Ghanian welter Johnny Melfah, who has been campaigning in England.

Johnny made his Australian debut against Australian middleweight champion, Peter Read, at the Melbourne Festival Hall. Read had to make 154 for the fight and maybe this weakened him. In any case, Melfah scored a knockout in the third round.

▸ Melfah then went to Brisbane where he tangled with Australian welter Johnny Tapp. In a fairly quiet fight Melfah knocked out Tapp in the eighth round.

Tapp is recognized by Stadiums Ltd. as Australian welterweight champion, though George Barnes hasn't lost the title, nor has he retired.

▸ Sydney Stadium's regular main-event referee Vic Patrick, is ill with ulcer trouble. This is the second time he has been on the sidelines because of ulcers. In his absence, Ronnie James, normally referee of prelims at Sydney Stadium, has been filling Vic's role of main-bout ref, as well as officiating in some of the prelims. Your scribe has been refereeing the ten-rounders and sixes on the bill.

▸ At Sydney Stadium Tunisian lightweight Guizani Rezgui had a very easy points win over Canadian lightweight champion Eddie Beattie, who was making his Australian debut. Beattie walked up throughout the fight but Rezgui gave a very clever display and hit Beattie with every punch in the book. Thus Rezgui gained his easy victory.

▸ American welter Jimmy Watkins had an easy points win over an unfit Filipino Terry Flores at Sydney Stadium, but the fight was a scrambling affair and very unspectacular. Blame for this rested with Flores.

▸ Golden Boy David Floyd had a hard fight on his hands at the Melbourne Festival Hall when he tangled with Les McLean over 12 rounds. It was a battle of the southpaws but that did not detract from the fight as a spectacle. It was a good one—the best of the year in Melbourne. Floyd won by a very comfortable margin but McLean wouldn't let David have an easy night.

▸ For the second time in a few weeks Queensland welter Laurie Latch suffered a loss to a Lewis, but a different one on each occasion. A few weeks ago he lost a close one to Keith Lewis in Brisbane. Then at the Melbourne Festival Hall, Laurie was outpointed by Victorian State welter champ Kid Lewis (no relation to Keith). It was a hard fight but Lewis won by a large margin. The result upset the local ratings.

▸ Watch rising welter Jack Kriss who has the proud distinction of having every opponent on the floor. In his latest outing he drew with Young Macka in Melbourne in a hard fight. Kriss has just left the prelims. This was his second start in open company.

▸ Ollie Taylor, brother of feather champ Wally and a former medal winner at Empire and Olympic Games, outpointed Gordon Bell at Mackay. It was Ollie's fourth pro start and this was his best fight to date. Taylor's win was clear. They are featherweights.

▸ Same night, this time at Rockhampton, former amateur champion of Australia, Billy Dunnett was held to a draw by Les Cecil in a hard featherweight fight. Dunnet turned pro late last year.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Flash Eloree, world junior lightweight champion, 134, badly outpointed Giordano Campari, 134, of Italy, in 10 rounds at the Araneta Coliseum of Quezon City. The taller Italian had twice cut the eyes of the Filipino, first in the 2nd and in the 9th rounds. Campari received a cut in the 5th and complained to the referee that he was butted. The Filipino was more experienced. The verdict of the referee and two judges was unanimous and well received by the impartial crowd of 36,000 that paid a gross of $160,000.

Primo Famero, 111, halted Carlito Padilla, 108, in 8 rounds. Small Dave, 114, kayoed Yantze Harris, 115, in 3. Max Alvarez, 116, bested Little Reyes, 114, in 6.

Dommy Froilan, 123, kayoed Joe Canonaso, 120, in 5. Sonny Espanol, 129, lost to Eddie Castro, 132, in 6. David Asuncion, 110, decisioned Rocky Padilla, 111, in 4. Kid Aguilos, 124, outpointed Billy Castorico, 124, in 4 rounds. Roque King, 114, knocked out Tony Publico, 114, in 1.

▸ Fighting San Carlos, 134, defeated Ben de Villa, 134, in 10 rounds at the Besa Boxing Arena, of Manila. From the third to the last round, San Carlos was the master. In the eighth he thrice staggered his novice rival.

Marcel Juban, 113, defeated Young Bonnie, 114, in another 10 rounder. Romeo Dundee Pineda, 121, and Henry Toledo, 122, drew in 8. Emil de Leon, 121, halted Rodolfo Vecera, 120, in 6. Teofilo Felicia Jr., 111, bested Star Rodriguez, 110, in 6.

Nestor Sison, 113, and Star Pancho, 110, fought in even terms in 4. Clever John, 125, halted Frisco Favie, 125, in 4. Abraham Kid, 102, outpointed Ricky San Juen, 104, in the 4 round opener.

▸ Curley Aguirre, 117, age 18, from Bacolod City, kayoed a more experienced boxer, Cisco Kid, 118, in the 6th of a scheduled 10 round main event at Besa Boxing Arena. Aguirre dropped his rival three times without a count before knocking him out.

Orlando Medina, 122, and Rush Junior, 119, fought to a technical draw in 2 rounds when Junior suffered a cut. Young Agres, 134, drew with Dick Carlos, 133, in 4. Fred Martin, 116, and Leo Aquino, 113, also drew in 4. Leo Regaspe, 110, bested Baby Castro, 109, in 4. Ray Mario, 109, defeated Danny Natividad, 108, in 4. Boy Francisco, 104, knocked out Rudy Cabrera, 105, in 4. Warcito Brillo, 118, stopped Rocky Winnie, 115, in 4.

▸ Veteran Leo Zulueta, 113, badly defeated Baby Demilliones, 111, in 10 rounds at Besa Boxing Arena. Leo was the master from the fifth. Demilliones absorbed all the punishment Leo could dish out.

Flor Reyes, 135, won over Terry Rebolado, 135, in 8. Speedy Garcia, 115, beat Star Valdez, 116, in 4. Vic Ibanes, 118, outpointed Dory Articulo, 117, in 6. Remy Campos, 125, whipped Flory Kid, 123, in 4. Rody Perocho, 132, kayoed Tony Villanueva, 135, in 3. Hallow Block Boy, 123, and Efren Vasquez, 123, drew in 4. Al Domalata, 112, decisioned Lory Beniopa, 111, in 4.

▸ Auburn Copeland, 128 pounder, badly outpointed Young Terror, 128, in 10 rounds at the Araneta Coliseum. Copeland downed Terror twice in the first two rounds, and opened a cut on his cheek, leaving his left eye closed and right eye half closed. The Filipino really had a bloody face after the bout.

Oscar Reyes, 126, kayoed Tonio Coria, 128, of Mexico, in the 2nd round of a scheduled tener. After the knockout, Coria was sporting a closed left eye. Ronnie Jones, 118, kayoed Angel Boy, 119, in 4. Gene Aragon, 122, and Baby Nacpil, 125, drew in 8. Henry Acido, 109, stopped Midget Liscano, 112, in 4. Baby Lorona, 111, decisioned Speed Olivera, 113, in 4. Hermie Magbanua, 126, bested Star Willie, 125, in 4. Tony Laure, 124, and Ben Castillo, 125, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▸ Justiniano Montano Jr., son of Congressman Montano of Cavite, is again in boxing as a promoter and a manager. He promotes in Cavite City at the Montano Auditorium, built by his brother, Governor Delfin Montano. He has five boxers in his stable headed by Oscar Reyes, who recently halted Alfredo Escobar of Los Angeles.

▸ Elizardo Maseo, 112, lost the chance to win the flyweight championship of the Philippines when he fought Young Rufe, 110, in a 12 round main event in Cavite City.

Except by a 9 count knockdown suffered by Maseo in the 6th, he was the master of the title-holder.

The referee called it for Rufe. Judge Villacampa was for Maseo while the other judge Lim had it a draw. Hence the decision was a draw and the champion retained his title.

Larry Bataan, 123, beat Larry Fernando, 124, in 10. Cris Pena, 118, defeated Manuel Soriano, 119, in 6. Kid Valencia, 121, kayoed Rey Vasquez, 122, in 2. Francisco Ibanez, 120, bested Daska Kid, 117, in 4. Kid Naic, 105, decisioned Kid Tanza, 109, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY
By Al Fenn

ARCHIE MOORE, FIGHTING himself in shape for his defense, gave a 4-round exhibition with Dave Furch, 200, of Phoenix at Tucson Gardens. Moore, 187, outhit and outboxed Furch.

In a 10-round bout Charlie Austin, 155, Phoenix stopped Moore's stablemate, Tuffy Carroll in four. Arnie Cota-Robles, 137, fought a 6-round draw with Dusty Brown, 135, who used to fight under the name of Tony Cardena. Gene Bryant, 167, Tucson, took a 4-round decision from Buck Bellamy, 169, Phoenix, and Joe Alfaro, 148 of Tucson decisioned Charles Wright, 147, Phoenix in 4.

▸ Eddie Pace of Los Angeles stopped Al Mendoza, 147, Mexico in the fourth at Phoenix. The fight was halted when Mendoza suffered a serious gash over the left eye.

In the co-10 round feature, Willie Ross, 150, smashed game Lulu Lopez, 148, of Mexico for a KO in the third.

In six-rounders, Fred McWilliams, 163½, kept Bull Halsey, 168, of Phoenix and formerly from the Pacific Northwest off balance to win a decision. Frank (Rabbit) Chambers made good his professional debut by winning a nod over Joe Gouldonio of Mobile, Ala. Both are around the flyweight limit.

▸ In the mining town of Bisbee, Archie Moore, 185, went 4 rounds with Cliff Gray. Local boy Johnny Featherman, 160, won over Bobby Watson, 155, Tyler, Texas via the KO route in 7th. Bobby Rascon, 160, decisioned Robert Florez, 160, in 6. Rascon is from Tucson and Florez is from Mexico.

In fours, Joe Lopez, 118, Tucson decisioned Kid Kain, 117, Douglas, and Jose Louis, 126, Douglas defeated Lulu Baltievez, 125, Nogales. The date, May 13.

▸ Eddie Pace of Los Angeles outpointed Tombstone Smith, 151½ at Phoenix. Pace weighed 150. It was a 10-rounder. Three preliminaries ended in knockouts. Jesus (Yaqui) Lopez, 172, Hermosillo, stopped Buck Bellamy, 163, Phoenix in three; Bill Burk, 147, Phoenix fighting his first pro fight stopped Charley Hall, 154, Phoenix in two; and Benny Joe Brown, 145, Phoenix stopped R. T. McGinty, 150 in two. The place Phoenix. The promoter, Paavo Ketonen.

▸ It was the busiest month in a long time for Arizona boxing. In the month's concluding show, Willie Rockabye Ross was sensational in gaining the unanimous verdict over Ramon (Buffalo) Hernandez, 160, of Mexico. Ross weighed 152. Ross boxed and unloaded his salvos of bombs, but Hernandez fought back and made it close.

In the eight-round semifinal, Chilo Carranza, 117, Tucson decisioned Frank (Rabbit) Chambers, 112. Joe Alfaro, 152, Tucson, won the six-round bout from Al Andrews, 145, Phoenix. In six Johnny Featherman, 166, decisioned Lavern Williams, 166, Phoenix, and Charley Wright, 148, Phoenix decisioned Frank Costanzo, 147, Phoenix in 4. The place, Phoenix Madison Square Garden. The date May 31.

NORTHWEST BOXING NOTES
By Ruggles Larson

CENTRALIA—Denny Moyer, subing for brother Phil, who unexpectedly announced his ring retirement, kayoed Willie Jennings, 159, Seattle. Denny won the first round with sharp left jabs and disposed of Jennings with a left hook, right hand combination at 2:58 of the second round.

In the semi-final, John Massey, 193, Portland, Ore., was awarded a first round T.K.O. over Gordy Gladson, 181, Spokane, due to an eye laceration. Gladson is the former NCAA Champ from W.S.U.

In other bouts, Lars Norling, 210, Portland, knocked out Julia Richardson, 205, Seattle, in the second. Noland Delcambre, 145, Seattle, decisioned Mike Gilman, 147, Seattle, in four. Lee Como, 147, Yakima stopped Carl Jorgenson, 146, Portland, in the third.

Quincy Daniels, Washington State's 1960 Olympic Games representative, won the 139 pound title of the International Military Sports Council at Ft. Dix, N. J. In the same tournament, Dean Harrison, Aberdeen, reached the finals of the 165 pound division. Both Washingtonians are in the U. S. Air Force.

Bobby Pasqualie, 1961 National A.A.U. 155 pound champ, plans to remain an amateur until the '64 Olympics. While stablemate George Wright, who reached the semi-finals of the Nationals, plans an immediate professional career.

▸ **BELLINGHAM**—Eddie Cotton, Seattle's tenth ranked world lightheavy, won his sixth consecutive bout by stopping Neal Rivers, 169, Los Angeles, in the sixth round.

Johnny Osborne, 165, Seattle, decisioned Ernie Gipson, 160, Seattle, in the six round semi. In a four rounder, Sid Carter, 164, Seattle, decisioned Lee Osborne, 163, Tacoma. Nolan Delcambre, 145, Seattle, decisioned his fellow townsman Mike Gilman, 147, for the second time within the month over four rounds.

▸ **PORTLAND**—Across the Columbia River, Floyd Palmer tried to become the fourth Pacific Northwest fighter rated in the top ten world lightheavies. Floyd's downfall was Sonny Ray's right hand in the second round.

Johnny Payne, 165, San Fransico, decisioned Ted McKane, 163, Seattle, in six. Andy Vultaggio, 161, San Francisco, won on a foul by Jimmy Robinson, 160, Portland, in the second. Sammy Norman, 134, Portland, decisioned Charley Robinson, 135, San Francisco, in four. In the opener, Ray Sallas, 133, San Francisco, decisioned Ken Clark, 134, Portland, in four.

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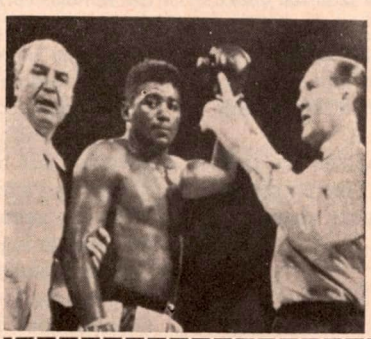

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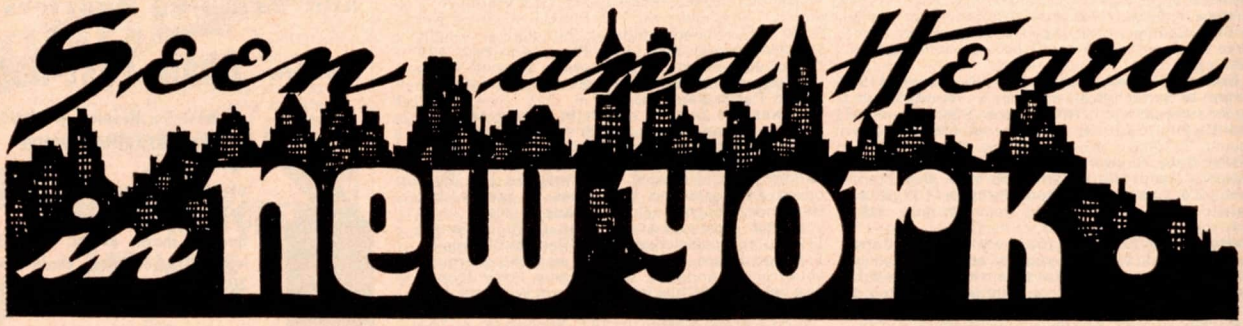


By JERSEY JONES

THINKING OF JOE SHUGRUE, who died recently in his native Jersey City, we recalled an interesting episode we reported in these columns some ten years ago. Because of its timeliness, we feel it's worth repeating:

It was in one of those informal get-togethers at the New York Boxing Writers' Dinner, and we were gabbing of this and that with Hy Goldberg and Willie Ratner of the *Newark Evening News* and Chickie Bogad, currently unemployed matchmaker.

Charley (Broadway) Rose ambled by.

"Hey, Charley, come here," said Ratner, "and tell the story about how you lost that finger on your left hand."

"Aw-w-w-w-w," mumbled Rose, with an unaccustomed display of modesty.

"Well, it's a good yarn, and if you won't tell it, I will," said Ratner.

"It is back in December, 1914, and Charley is working with Freddie Welsh, then lightweight champion, who's boxing Joe Shugrue in old Madison Square Garden. I'm only a kid at the time, just beginning to cover an occasional sports assignment for my paper, and my seat in the working press is just below Welsh's corner.

"The third round is over and Rose goes rushing up the steps. He grabs the ropes, but a diamond ring on his left hand gets caught in the spike which is used to twist the turnbuckle and tighten the ropes. Charley is traveling too fast to stop, and the finger is ripped right out of the socket.

"The blood starts to gush all over the place, and Welsh is soaked with it. 'Get out of here,' Freddie yells to Rose, but Charley won't. You should have seen the excitement in that corner, Welsh and his other seconds trying to push Rose away, and Charley battling back to stay there. There's more action in that one minute in Welsh's corner than there is in the entire ten rounds between Freddie and Shugrue.

"They finally get Rose out, but need the police to do it. Charley is rushed to the hospital. . . . By the way, Charley, what ever happened to that diamond ring? After all the trouble it caused that night, I suppose you got rid of it."

"Got rid of it, nothing," said Rose, poking out his right hand. "Here it is. I've never stopped wearing it. I merely shifted it from one hand to the other. It's been my lucky charm."

GOOD SEASON AT ST. NICK'S

By the time this appears in print, the St. Nicholas Arena will have ended its 1960-61 season, the most successful, financially, the club has known in five years or more.

Television, of course, was responsible. With an exorbitant rental and other high operating expenses, it is impossible to promote fights at St. Nick's without the protection of TV revenue. The arena did very well in this department during the past season. It had an attractive local video deal for its regular Monday night cards, and it picked up six nationally-televised Saturday night dates shifted from Madison Square Garden.

No financial figures are available, but St. Nick's must have finished with a handsome profit showing in its ledgers, more than wiping out the losses the Garden had sustained in two previous years of "underwriting" the arena's promotions without a TV deal.

During St. Nick's summer vacation, efforts will be made to swing another lucrative television contract for the 1961-62 campaign, which probably will get under way in September.

Meanwhile, with St. Nick's temporarily out of action, metropolitan fans will be on a skimpy boxing fare for the summer. No important outdoor shows are shaping up for the baseball parks, and aside from Madison Square Garden, which has renewed its TV contract for Saturday night fights for another year, the only arena to function hereabouts will be the one in Commack, out on Long Island. The promoters, encouraged by the public's response to its first card, plan to keep going on a monthly basis, without television.

SAD SAM NO LONGER SAD

As this issue goes to press, it looks as though the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeeley get-together is set for a late September date in the Boston Garden. The bout will be a joint promotion by Championship Sports, Inc. (formerly Feature Sports, Inc.) and Boston entrepreneur Sam Silverman.

Sad Sam no longer is sad these days. He has been doing very well for himself the last year and a half, picking up some neat bundles of cash with three middleweight title promotions in Boston — the two Paul Pender-Ray Robinson episodes and the Pender-Terry Downes affair. It is reported that Silverman also is "in" on the promotion of the return Pender-Downes meeting in London.

The rapid development of heavyweight McNeeley has been another profitable venture for Sam. The young Irishman, managed by wealthy Pete Fuller, son of a former Massachusetts governor, has become a popular attraction in the Hub.

Getting Patterson to risk his world heavyweight title against McNeeley required some clever maneuvering by Silverman. Sam had to ingratiate himself first with Floyd's manager, Cus D'Amato, and he did it by headlining Cus' Puerto Rican middleweight, Jose Torres, in two shows in Boston. Both were dismal financial flops, but they served their purpose. With Bob Young as the opponent, Torres attracted only 692 customers. He did even worse with Mel Collins as the party of the other part. The turnout was 452. Gross box-office business for the two cards totaled $2,380, for a net of $2.041. By the time he finished paying off the accumulated expenses of the promotions—

which also included a cancelled date — Silverman figured he had blown about $4,000. As it turns out, it was a profitable gamble, since the Patterson-McNeeley affair will assure Sam another lusty payday.

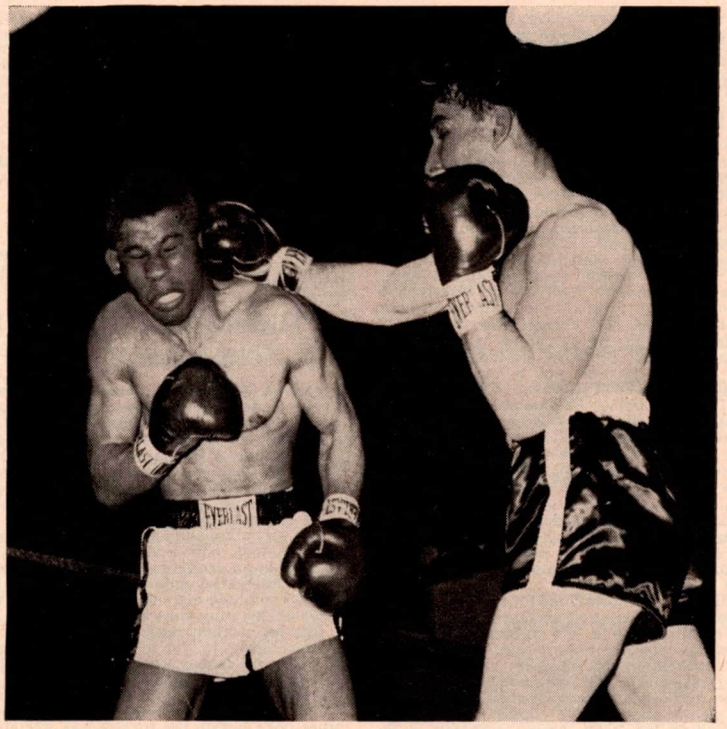
THESE AND THOSE

Lahouari Godih, likeable French-Algerian lightweight, whose opponents in American rings have included Kenny Lane (twice), Len Matthews (twice), Don Jordan, Johnny Busso, Eddie Perkins and Gene Gresham, has taken unto himself a bride, the former Miriam Heinel.

Mike McCabe, who died recently at the age of 63, was one of that popular crowd of Harlem Irishmen who did well for themselves during the 1910s and early '20s. McCabe was out of the same neighborhood as Irish Patsy Cline, Barney Adair and Frankie Conifrey. A stablemate of Conifrey's, Mike was managed by Jack (Doc) Moore, who estimates that during his busy ten-year span in the ring McCabe crowded in nearly 200 fights. His best known opponents were Adair, Tommy Tuohey and the Australian Charley Pitts.

Harry (Scotty) Baxter of Detroit, who did a fine job of ballyhooing K.O. Morgan into a title shot with world bantamweight champion Sixto Escobar in Puerto Rico in 1938, is back in circulation. Baxter has taken over the management of hard-hitting Henry Hank.

George Sheppard's journeyman middleweight, Mel Collins of Trenton, had quite an experience recently in keeping a date in Tampa. The weather here was miserable. Fog and rain made flying conditions hazardous and very few planes were going out of the New York airports. Collins was grounded for two days and nights at Idlewild, waiting for the first plane leaving for Tampa. He slept on benches and did his eating at a lunch counter. The weather eventually cleared and Mel was on his way, not too soon. Arriving in Tampa, he grabbed a taxi and checked into the arena only one hour before he was to fight . . . P.S. Collins got a draw in ten rounds with a local entry, Claude Williams.



His run of luck at St. Nicholas Arena, where he had accounted for three surprising upsets, ran out on Ted Wright (left) in his bout with Argentine slugger Jorge Fernandez, who thrashed him in ten rounds.

The month's results:

After establishing himself as a popular attraction on the club's regular Monday night cards, Jose Gonzalez, 153¼, Puerto Rico, was promoted to major status on a nationally-TV'd Saturday night program, and celebrated the occasion by hustling and bustling his way to an impressive win over experienced Charley Scott 148¼, Philadelphia, in a fast-moving ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was one of several shifted to St. Nicks by Madison Square Garden while the Garden itself was unavailable because of other bookings.

Scott was the better boxer and sharper puncher of the two, but couldn't hold off the busy, two-fisted assaults of the 21-year-old Gonzalez. Scott did succeed in reaching Gonzales a few times with jolting left hooks and right crosses, but the Puerto Rican shook them off and came back fighting harder than ever. Gonzalez set such a busy pace all the way that in the closing rounds Scott was too weary to do much of anything but try to defend himself.

Another Puerto Rican, Pablo Lopez, 136½, outfought Tommy Nethercott, 134, Portchester, N. Y., in the semi-final six. Two of the preliminary fours ended in first-round kayos, Billy Bello, 149¼, Bronx, needing only 1:35 to dispose of James Thorne, 150½, Harlem, and Billy Daniels, 186, West Side, requiring only nine seconds longer to eliminate Willie Bell, 198, Syracuse. In the other four, Mike Cruz, 134½, West Side, outpointed Genaro Soto, 134, Puerto Rico. A turnout of 1,291 paid $2,467.55 to see the show.

Unpopular decisions seem to have become the rule rather than the exception in the main events of the Monday night cards at St. Nicholas Arena. For the Second week in succession, incensed spectators expressed their displeasure with the verdict by hooting and howling and littering the ring with an assortment of debris. The decision was a 2-1 majority vote for Cecil Shorts, 144¾, Cleveland, over Cuban veteran Isaac Logart, 146½, after ten spirited rounds. Referee Johnny Colan tabbed it 5-4-1 for Logart, but was outnumbered by Judges Artie Aidala and one-time top featherweight and lightweight Benny Valgar, who scored for Shorts. Aidala had it 6-4 and Valgar 5-2-3.

It was a close fight, with Shorts pitting agressiveness and a strong right hand against Logart's experience and snappy left-hooking. There wasn't much to choose between the rivals at any time.

Ricky Ortiz, 146, Puerto Rico, outpointed Kenny Bryant, 146, West Side, in the semi-final six. Greatest Crawford, 167¼, Brooklyn, won from Sammy Jordan, 168, Union City, N. J., in another six. In fours, Tommy Hough, 162¼, Brooklyn, decisioned Clarence Ryan, 171, Newark, N. J., and Felix Santiago, 160, Puerto Rico, stopped Dave Barton, 157, Bridgeport, Conn., at 1:31 of the second. The bout interrupted Santiago's series with Julio Libonati after the pair had fought five times in four months at St. Nick's. Attendance estimated at 1,000 and receipts at $1,800.

Encouraging response to the first fight show at the Long Island Arena in Commack prompted Promoter Jimmy O'Rourke and Matchmaker Moe Fleischer to announce the organization's plans to continue operations on a monthly basis. A turnout of 2,318 paid a gross of $5,624.10 for a lively non-TV card headed by light-heavyweights Franz Szuzina, 171, Germany, and Jerry Luedee, 172½, New Haven, Conn. Suzuzina was a winner in ten rounds.

Although he hadn't fought in nearly a year, and carried several pounds of surplus avoirdupois, the chunky German displayed few signs of ring rustiness. He outboxed and outpunched Luedee at long range, and tied him up in the clinches. Jerry had a brief moment of glory in the seventh when he caught Szuzina off-balance and dropped him with a left hook. Szuzina was up immediately but had to take the mandatory eight-count. Luedee also scored well in the eighth, but was penalized the round for a low punch. Aside from these flashes by Luedee, Szuzina had much the better of the going. Fighting out of a crouch, the German would punch in flurries, then dive in close and tie Luedee up in clinches.

Matchmaker Fleischer uncovered a lively, well-matched set of preliminaries. Every bout went its full course. The best fight was a slugging six in which Dave Russell, 165, Uniondale, edged out a Long Island rival, Julius Owens, 162¾, Bellmore. In two other sixes, Jay Roach, 146½, Plainview, outpointed Tony Lazu, 148, East Side, and Tito Velez, 151½, Brooklyn, whipped Johnny Torres, 153, Paterson, N. J. A pair of Long Islanders opened the show in a four, Ronnie Geoffrion, 161, Jamacia, outslugging Davey Miller, 157, Hempstead.

Relentless aggressiveness carried Jorge Fernandez, 150½, Argentina, to an impressive triumph over Ted Wright, 150, Detroit, in a sizzling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was the last of a series of Saturday night nationally-TV'd fights transferred from Madison Square Garden to the St. Nick while the Garden itself was taken over by other attractions.

The St. Nick had been a lucky spot for Wright—in three previous outings there this year Ted had drawn with Yama Bahama, knocked out Sugar Hart and thrashed Federico Thompson—but his luck ran out against Fernandez. The Detroiter made a gallant stand in defeat, and at times scored well with snappy left jabs and right counters, but he didn't have the strength or stamina to hold off his tireless, free-swinging opponent. Fernandez set a blistering pace all the way, swarming all over Wright and blasting away with both hands to the head and body. He frequently shook up Wright with left hooks and right swings but Ted fought his way out of trouble each time.

In the semi-final six, former amateur ace Vince Shomo, 144½, Harlem, partially atoned for his only defeat in six previous professional starts by fighting a draw with his erstwhile conqueror, Walter Daniels, 148, Bronx. Vernon Lynch, 133½, West Side, was too much for Roland Kellam, 133, Brooklyn, in another six. In fours, Hans Lauten, 131, a newcomer from Germany, opened his American invasion with a decision over Tony Tozzo, 127, Bronx, and Heriberto Mercado, 130, Puerto Rico, won from Henry Hurley, 128½, Jersey City. Attendance 1,820; gross receipts $3,707.16.

Kept out of Madison Square Garden for nine weeks by an assortment of other attractions—a basketball tourney, a circus and a Russian ballet—boxing returned with a stunning surprise featuring its main event, the first headline lightweight offering in 15 months.

Heavily-favored Len Matthews, 136, Philadelphia, was thoroughly beaten in a one-sided ten by the balding veteran, Paolo Rosi, 136, Bronx. On all three official scorecards, the transplanted

Italian was credited with every round.

Conceding Matthews eleven years in youth, the 33-year-old Rosi completely outclassed his opponent. Only in the opening minute did Matthews show to advantage. A left hook sent Rosi reeling and he nearly hit the canvas, but he recovered quickly and proceeded to hand his youthful rival a vicious shellacking from then on. Rosi's main weapon was a right uppercut which time and again staggered the Philadelphian. He also scored well with left hooks and right crosses.

Although he won decisively, the cut-prone Rosi didn't escape unscathed. He collected a bloody nose and an assortment of minor rips over and under both eyes.

Touted by Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner as the "greatest fighter to come out of South America in 20 years," Juan Carlos Rivero, 156, Argentina, proved to be little more than a willing but crude slugger. Billy Pickett, 157, West Side, beat him easily in the semi-final ten. In sixes, Billy Daniels, 183, Brooklyn, outfought Wilfredo Avelez, 183, Puerto Rico, and a newcomer from Nicaragua, Jose Leon Garcia, 145½, whipped Bobby Douglas, 144½, Philadelphia. In a scheduled four, Billy Bello, 149½, Bronx, halted Jimmy Pisacane, 154½, Paterson, N. J., at 1:54 of the second. No statistics were released, but the attendance looked less than 1,000 and the gross receipts probably didn't go above $2,500.

Too strong and aggressive for his opponent, Jose Stable, 139, Cuba, posted his fifth straight win in New York rings by stopping Sid (Sweet Pea) Adams, 140½, Philadelphia, at 1:07 of the sixth at St. Nicholas Arena.

Substituting on short notice for the ailing Stefan Redl, Adams gave a good account of himself for a few rounds, and in the second he stunned Stable with a couple of short right counters. The Cuban shook them off, however, and his persistent aggressiveness and lusty two-handed punching gradually wore Adams down. During an exchange in the sixth, Stable clipped his opponent with a jolting left hook. Adams tumbled to the canvas. He took the mandatory eight-count but was wobbly as he stumbled to his feet. When he was unable to defend himself against Stable's furious assault, Referee Harry Ebbets wisely called a halt.

The preliminary card was marred by fatal injury to Jose Rigores, 121½, Cuba, who collapsed in his dressing room after being knocked out by Anselmo Castillo, 124½, Puerto Rico, with only 24 seconds left of their six-rounder. Failing to respond to treatment, Rigores was rushed to Roosevelt Hospital for an emergency operation on what was diagnosed as an inter-crainal hemorrhage. He died five days later without regaining consciousness.

In the semi-final six, Billy Johnson, 173½, West Side, outfought Lew Moses, 175½, Jamaica, L. I. In fours, Hector Torres, 133½, Puerto Rico, decisioned Davey Ross, 132, Jamaica, L. I., and Tony Fortunato, 154¼, Bronx, won from Johnny Blessas, 147½, New Brunswick, N. J. Attendance 1,155; gross receipts $2,035.73.

An unusual feature of the card supporting the Archie Moore-Giulio Rinaldi affair in Madison Square Garden was the brief appearance of one Puerto Rican and the complete lack of Cubans and Argentinos—a strange development, indeed, in New York boxing these days and nights. Replacing them was an assortment of Italians and Italian-Americans. Of the even dozen performers on the card, including the main-eventers, no less than eight were sons and nephews of Sunny It'.

The lone Puerto Rican, Lou Segarra, 186, was a quick victim of Rocky Marciano's protege, Tony Longi, 195¼, Miami Beach. It was three downs and out for Segarra at 2:24 of round one of a scheduled four.

Rival Brooklynites and non-Italians, Greatest Crawford, 162½, and Tommy Hough, 169¼, were billed for six, but the bout was abbreviated at the end of the fourth because of Hough's badly lacerated features.

The only other non-Italian on the card, Babe Simmons, 172, Westbury, L. I., edged out Rinaldi's stablemate, Luigi (Gigi) Napoleoni, 172¾, in a free-swinging semi-final six.

Not affiliated with the Rinaldi-Napoleoni troupe, but also making his American debut, another Italian visitor Francesco Fiore, 160½, was credited with a k.o. over Joe Rubino, 160, Brooklyn, when the referee called a halt at 1:11 of the second because of an ugly gash over Rubino's right eye. The bout was listed for six.

Two earlier Italian arrivals, established for some time in the United States, tangled in a four, Attilio Tondo, 194, now of Suffern, N. Y., outfumbling Armando Bartoli, 205, currently paying his rent in the West Side.

THE TIGER DEPARTS. . . . With topline attractions getting scarcer and scarcer, the American sock market can ill afford to lose, if only temporarily, a pleasing and winning fighter of Dick Tiger's calibre. . . . The British Empire middleweight champion's decision to return home to Nigeria with his wife and three New York-born youngsters was prompted by his inability to enveigle either of the world title claimants, Paul Pender and Gene Fullmer, into the ring with him. Rather than take any chances with Tiger, both booked themselves for defenses against what they felt were "softer" opponents, Pender taking on Terry Downes in England and Fullmer accommodating Florentino Fernandez in Ogden, Utah. . . . It is doubtful if anything short of a championship bout will entice Tiger back to the United States. . . . Expenses are too heavy on ordinary dates. . . . There's no denying the Nigerian has well earned the chance at one or both sections of the world title, but earning the chance and getting it are two entirely different matters these days.

To our Fan Club in Chillicothe, Ohio:

Thanks for your affectionate note, but the thoughtful sentiments would have been all the more appreciated had you signed your name. Please don't be so bashful.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

Veteran lightweight campaigner Dave Shade (Jesse Underwood), of Charleston, W. Va., pitted his experience and cunningness against the youth and ambition of Tommy Johnson in promoter Leroy Cannon's fifth promotion at the Graystone Ballroom. Despite a cut below the left eye in the third round, Johnson managed to land the cleaner blows and score more often to gain the unanimous eight round decision.

The six round semi-final attraction found Hurricane Bullock and Ervin Smith both of Detroit battling in an exciting middleweight contest. Both were undefeated entering the contest but only Bullock retained his unblemished record when the decision favoring him was announced.

Charles Jordon and Jack Holloway, Detroit welterweights, fought to a five round draw. Doug MacLeod, of Grand Rapids, and Emmett Tucker, of Detroit, also fought to a draw in a four round welterweight bout. In the opener, lightweights Ronald Blevins and Napoleon Ludy decked each other once before the former was declared victor on points.

▶ A couple of young scrappy Detroit middleweights, Tommy Payne and Lucky Little put on a thrilling eight rounder on the bi-weekly presentation at the Graystone Ballroom. Both refused to give ground throughout the contest. The decision was unanimous in favor of Payne, but very close.

In the semi-final attraction, Ducky Dietz, 175, Detroit, floored Eddie Fooks, 178, Pittsburgh, three times in the second round to win by knockout. Fooks demonstrated the rugged chin in the first round, but when Dietz switched to the body in the second it was Ducky's 14th KO in 17 starts.

Bobby Bell, 147, Detroit, was awarded a knockout over Carl Jordon, 148, Pittsburgh, when the latter claimed an injured knee from a fall. Morris Seymour, 134½, Grand Rapids, outpointed Joe Constantino, 139, Detroit, in a four. George Zapp, 138, Detroit halted his fellow townsman Ray Trotter, 135, Detroit, in the opening round, and Leroy Scales, 128, Pittsburgh, refused to answer the bell for the fourth round against Baby Watusi, 128, Detroit, after some wicked engages.

▶ Warming up for his encounter against Henry Hank at Convention Arena here in Detroit, Joey Giardello took on Canadian middleweight champion Wilf Greaves at Philadelphia. Greaves gave a good account of himself but Giardello was awarded a ninth round knockout. . . .

Kenny Lane, Muskegon lightweight ace, traveled to Odessa, Texas, where he defeated Daniel Gonzales in a ten rounder.

Ted Wright stood toe to toe with Jorge Fernandez before losing his exciting sationally televised scrap in New York.

Promising Irish Billy Collins dropped a close duke to former welterweight champion Virgil Akins at Chicago.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . The seating arrangement for the new Convention Arena figures around 12,000 for a complete sellout. Every seat in the house is beautifully situated with a cushioned seat and back.

Leroy Cannon is the first local promoter since C. W. Smith who is running more than a few shows after a big build up.

Frankie Abrams, Tony Ross Jr., Johnny Summerlin, Paul Darby, Tom Kiddy, Andy "Kid" Brown, Charley Padalino, Willy Watkins, O'Dell Riley, Vern Mitchell and Eddie Scott, to mention only a few that space will allow are awaiting action here.

Managers of fighters primarily throughout the mid-west and east desiring work here are requested to send the full particulars to the writer of this column at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan. When writing please include the complete record, clippings and photos where possible.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Bill Colbert

Four boxing licenses, one professional were approved by the state athletic commission in St. Paul.

The professional license was issued to St. Paul Boxing and Sports Associates Inc. Its officers are Jack Raleigh, president; Edward Flores, vice president; Jay Wolterstorff, secretary; Ernest Beedle, treasurer; and Kenneth Eikland, assistant treasurer.

A new amateur license was issued to the American Legion Post of Mora, Minn. Having their licenses renewed were the Holy Name Society of Watertown, Minn. and the Loretto High School of Caledonia.

The athletic commission re-elected as chairman, James W. Waters; for secretary, George A. Barton of Minneapolis, and Jack Gibbons of St. Paul's, vice chairman.

▶ The "Old Guards" of The Ring held their annual get-together in the Tempo restaurant in Minneapolis. This unique organization met for the 13th time, with former and current fighters, trainers, managers, promoters and sports writers. More than 200 turned out for the affair alternated each year between Minneapolis and St. Paul. Jack Tierney, chairman of the dinner and one of the founders of the "Old Guard," was presented with the George Barton trophy as the person who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport during the last year.

▶ Del Flanagan, St. Paul middleweight, went all the way to South Africa getting the nod when the referee ruled his opponent, the South African middleweight champion, Gert Van Heerden, had been fouling him.

Johnny Tillman, one of the great middle and welters to come out of Minneapolis is out of the hospital and feeling fine, Old John, a great battler in his day, who never asked a promoter who his opponent was to be, just how much cash he would receive.

▶ **Rochester, Minnesota, Mayo Auditorium.**

The winning streak of Duane Horsman, Chatfield, Minn., was marred by the ruthless and persistent attack of Ralph "Tiger" Jones. Jones gave the less experienced Horsman a thorough boxing lesson before a crowd of 3852. Paid gate was $14,498.65, the largest fight gate in the history of Minnesota, outside of the Twin Cities. Horsman gave a good account of himself and made a hit with the fans and is still a better drawing card than before the fight started.

The results of the preliminaries were:

Don Quinn, 209, St. Paul, stopped Frank Williams, 181, Chicago (4).

Jerry Mullen, 141, Brownsville, Minn., decisioned Rudy Rodriguez, 146, Minneapolis (6).

Harold Scully, 147½, Chicago, decisioned Bobby Anderson, 153, Minneapolis (4).

Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 159½, New York, decisioned Duane Horsman, 161½, Chatfield, Minn., (10).

Dick Cotten, 153, Rochester, Minn., TKO'd Bill Corcoran, 156, St. Paul (4).

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lew Eskin

With the in-between season upon us there was only one boxing show staged during the month. The Veteran Boxer's Ring Number 9 of Bergen-Passaic county honored two of the state's top boxing figures at their annual dinner in Garfield. Sharing the honors was the veteran fistic figure Jersey Jones, assistant Editor of The Ring and native son Tippy Larkin, "the Garfield Gunnar," who was the former holder of the junior welterweight title. On hand to lend support to the affair were former world champions, Izzy Schwartz, Pete Latzo, Freddie Cochran and Gus Lesnevich.

Month's results:

TRENTON . . . Jimmy Hopkins, 165, Philadelphia, gained a close verdict over Mel Collins, 157, Trenton, in their rematch. Referee Paul Cavalier scored it 5-4-1 for Hopkins, who thus gained revenge for a previous loss to Mel in another bout that was just as close as this one.

Joe DiGrazio, 190¼, Philadelphia, won the verdict over Trenton's Jay Bee, 198, in a mauling, tugging sixer. A pair of Philadelphians, Tommy Griffin, 131, and Tom Lowery, 130¾, resumed their series with Griffin earning the nod in the other six.

In the opening four Willie Law, 154, Trenton, evened his series at one apiece with Dale Robinson, 152½, Philadelphia, by winning the decision.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS
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the provocation. Cop hating won't get Liston anywhere. He has grown into manhood; he is in the public eye; he has attained the top rung of the challenger's post. Next to Patterson, he is the most discussed heavyweight in the world. He deserves the championship bout, but to obtain it, he must refrain from getting public opinion against him through childish acts.

Just as we were going to press with this issue, news dispatches out of Philadelphia reported another nasty episode involving Liston and his impersonation of a police officer. Driving through a park at 3 o'clock in the morning, Liston and a crony, Isaac Cooper, allegedly cut off a car driven by Mrs. Dolores Ellis, forcing her to pull over to the side of the road. Fortunately, a park cop, cruising by, spotted them. Liston and Cooper hopped back into their car and drove off, the police car giving chase. After a mile, the cop caught up to his quarry. Liston was driving. Cooper got out of the car and started to run but a warning shot halted him. Taken to jail, Liston and Cooper were released on bail, posted by Sonny's new manager, Katz.

Unfortunately, this issue of The Ring goes to press before the outcome of this latest Liston incident is known. If Sonny is convicted on any one of several counts against him, he can definitely forget his ring career. Even if he isn't convicted, the episode certainly won't enhance his popularity with the public, nor with the various boxing commissions entrusted with the job of keeping, or trying to keep, the sport from becoming involved in any more scandals.

It's an excellent break for the popular former welterweight and middleweight champion. His prestige should help the college.

Boxing News from Hawaii
By Ted Yamachika

L. C. Morgan, 138, of Los Angeles, fought like a tiger, needed but three rounds to belt out Blitz Najar, 138, of the Philippines in a scheduled ten round fight held at the Civic Auditorium, May 9, 1961. The bout proved no more than a light workout for the eighth ranked lightweight, who was making his third appearance in Honolulu.

A crowd of 2,360 fans paid a gross gate of $4,126.70 to witness the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd. promoted show.

It was clear from the start that the fight was a mismatch. Morgan found the range with his first left jab, found the punch so easy to land that he kept snapping Najar's head back with this same punch right up to the moment when he decided to finish the fight. The finisher, however, was a right to the stomach.

Najar fought gamely enough but most of his punches were wild and the few which he landed did little damage. At least Morgan didn't slow his pace because of them.

▸ Baby Brown, 126, knocked out Harold Mara, 130, in the 3rd of 5. Anacleto Battad, 160½, finished Dalfus Brown, 162½, in the 4th of 5. William Castillo, 143½, decisioned Willie Weathers, 146¾, 5 rds. Greg Carrejo, 138, TKO'ed John Mauga, 136¼, in the 2nd of 3.

Don Johnston, 125, Los Angeles Featherweight, experienced absolutely no trouble beating Baby Brown, 126, of Philippines in a ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium.

The decision in favor of Johnston was unanimous.

In a companion ten rounder, Teddy Rand, 124, of Los Angeles, also gained a unanimous decision over Danny Brown, 126, of the Philippines in another one-sided fight. However this fight proved very interesting because Danny Brown, beaten bady in nearly every round, nevertheless kept forcing the fight and never gave up trying to land a lucky punch.

The card was promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., and drew 2,546 fans for a gross gate of $4,694.10.

▸ **Other results:**

Harold Mara, 132½, decisioned Israel Melendez, 138½, 4 rds.

Greg Carrejo, 140, knocked out John Mauga, 139¼, in the 3rd and final rd.

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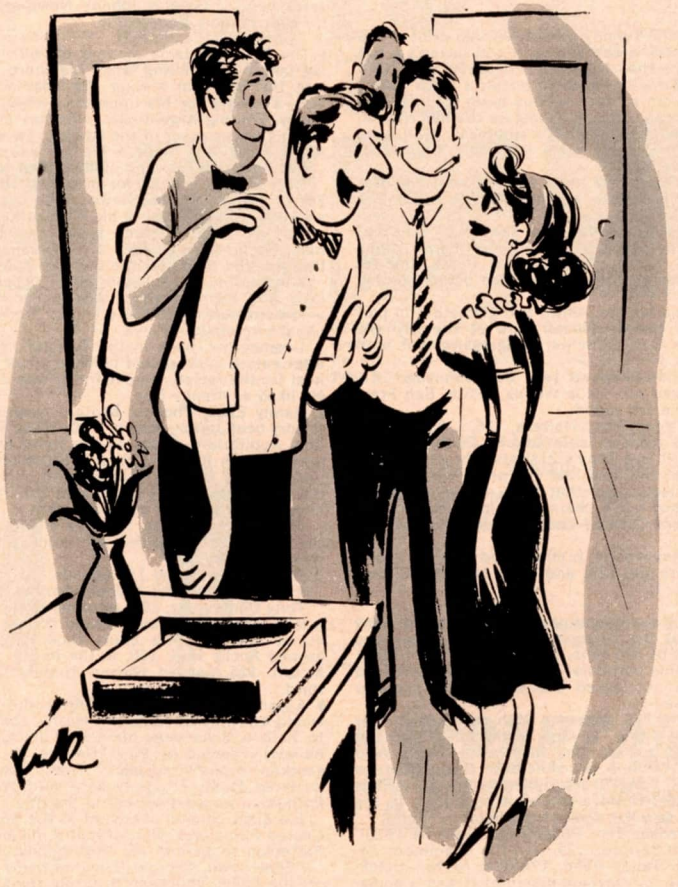
BASILIO RETIRES RECEIVES COLLEGE APPOINTMENT

It was good news that reached the friends of Carmen Basilio from Syracuse in the report that he has been appointed supervisor of physical fitness at Lemoyne College. After his defeat by Paul Pender, Carmen announced his retirement and since he had done this once before, it was hoped he would stick by the decision. Now that the Very Rev. Robert F. Grewen, S.J., President of Lemoyne College has added Carmen to his faculty staff, there is no danger of Basilio changing his mind and returning to the ring as an active fighter.

But he will be engaging in the work he loves. Msgr. Grewen, in making the appointment, assured Basilio that expansion of inter-collegiate sports will begin in September, 1962 and in the meantime Carmen will care for the physical fitness of the students. Although boxing is to be included in the expanded program, the school has no plans to initiate an inter-collegiate boxing program.

Lemoyne College participates in inter-collegiate basketball, soccer, track and golf.



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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

Up at the Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco, Benny (The Bandit) Medina, 139¾, pride of Fresno, made his Golden Gate debut a most successful one by knocking out Fidel Lucero, 141, of Torreon, Mexico, in the 7th round of a scheduled ten.

Actually, it was a TKO. Though he trailed on points, Lucero put up a game struggle, but a bad gash over his left eye impelled Referee Matt Zidich to call a halt. Medina was leading, 5 rounds to 1, at the end of the 6th on Zidich's score-card

Medina now has a record of 20 wins, 5 defeats, one draw. Lucero was his 14th kayo victim.

Gross gate, $2,991. Not bad for two out-of-town guys.

Four other bouts on the Kezar Pavilion card also ended in KOs.

Andy Vultaggo, 159, San Francisco, knocked out Richard Allen, 162, San Francisco, 2.

John Henry Jackson, 176, San Francisco, KOd Kid Apache, 202, Fresno, 1.

Willie McDonald, 210, Bakersfield, scored a knockout on Joe Clagg, 190, Fresno, 3.

Dean Bogany, 178, Fresno, knocked out Carl Looney, 182, San Francisco, 6.

▸ He hails from Denver, but classy Eddie Garcia, 136, has now won a home in Los Angeles. He racked up his fourth straight local triumph at the Olympic Auditorium, scoring a 5th round TKO over Marvin Carter, El Paso, 135. Not televised.

Coming atop of his three preceding wins at the Olympic Auditorium, the fans thought so much of Garcia that they installed him 4-1 choice. The Texan was a newcomer here.

It was a night for favorites at the downtown arena.

In the TV-ten, Ernie Cuadres, 138, San Diego, was favored at 2-1 over newcomer Rudy (Chino) Jimenez, 138, of Guadalajara. The price was right. Because Cuadres stopped Jimenez in the 9th round, and he was a mile ahead on points when the 9th began.

The fours: Zeke Perez, 130, drew with Kid Velvet, 131; and Aaron Peralta, 160, dec. Johnny Louden, 161.

▸ So Mr. Gene Tunney, who busts into print at the drop of a hat—a cap will do if you haven't a hat handy—says that Ingemar Johansson went into his last fight with Floyd Patterson a "sick man", suffering from a "very serious brain trauma". An electro-Encephalograph, whatever the hell that is, would have revealed Ingo's unfitness. Well, why didn't Tunney come forth with this suggestion BEFORE the fight?

Doctors examined Ingo; said he was O.K. But what's their opinion against that of millionaire Tunney? He knows it all.

We were happy to read that Nat Fleischer while on the stand at the Senate hearings took issue with Tunney. Nat's record shows that Johansson was examined in Sweden before coming to the U.S.

▸ San Francisco sent down two gladiators to participate in the double-ten card at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A. Both were aggressive, but both got licked.

In the non-televised ten, Don Johnson, 127, L.A., knocked out Willie Woods, 126½, San Francisco, in the 8th round.

In the TV-ten, Tony Herrera, 126, L.A., won the unanimous decision over Johnny Cate, 125, San Francisco. It was Tony's 21st straight win.

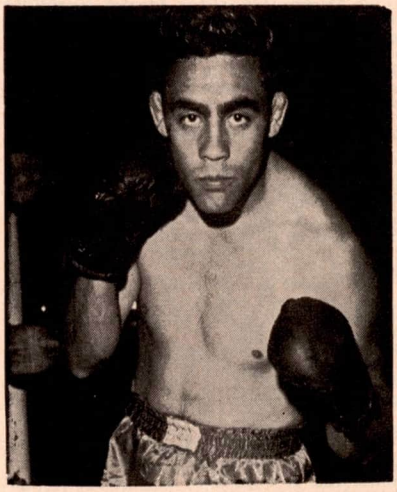
Don't get the idea that I'm prejudiced against San Francisco. Love that town. Have publicized three or four world championships there, including Marciano-Cockell, Corbett-Fields. But facts is facts.

In the four-round prelims: Kid Velvet, 126½, dec. Al Miranda, 127; and Dave Alanis, 126, dec. Lee James, 124.

▸ Some 600 souls (and possibly a few heels) were on hand at the Olympic Auditorium to see the weekly bill of two tens, one televised and t'other off-TV. In this particular case, it was the televised ten which outclassed the supposedly superior non-televised ten.

Kid Rayo, 148, scored a 10th round kayo over Indio Veloz, 146½, Tijuana, in the off-TV ten. The fight failed to set the river afire. Rayo, who scored a 10-round decision over Gaspar Ortega last year in Long Beach, failed to live up to that performance. However, he won by a kayo in the last heat—so what d'ye want, blood?

The televised ten: Pulga (which means "flea" in Spanish) Serrano, 129, won the unanimous decision over Teddy Rand, 126½—a rubber match, incidentally. In previous meetings it was a horse-apiece. Pulga, who hails from Tijuana, Mayheeco, scored the only knockdown of the fight.



Eddie Garcia, Newport, Colo. lightweight who scored his fourth straight local victory by kayoing Marvin Carter. Eddie is a good boxer-puncher who shows lots of promise.

The scoring: Referee George Latka, 8-1; Judge John Thomas, 9-0, and Judge Dick Young, 11-minus 1—he deducted two points from Rand's score for low blows. You figger it out; it's too much for me.

The four-rounders: Phil Barba, 137½, dec. over Jerry Pena, 139; and Johnny Newman, 154, KO (3) over Freddie Young, 155.

▸ The Ring Magazine made a hit with local boxing fans by promoting lanky Alejandro Lavorante into the 6th spot among the heavyweight Top Ten—a reward for his impressive kayo over Zora Folley. The big Argentinian, who has an appetite like his predecessor of the Roaring Twenties, Luis Angel Firpo, has made a big hit with L.A. fans.

But I'd rather buy him clothes than food.

Here's what he had for breakfast the day Sid Ziff of the Mirror interviewed him: orange juice, a LARGE glass; cereal; a big slice of ham and six eggs, ten slices of white bread and a quart of milk. He lunched at 2:30, after working out, and this was the menu for the 6-4, 206 pound lad:

A man-sized steak; salad, three bottles of Pepsi-Cola and eight slices of bread. For dinner, an enormous steak and half a loaf of bread, plus the usual trimmings.

I remember, back in the Twenties, that Firpo, after eating a 3½ pound planked steak, asked his host for the recipe. He liked it. It was a free feed. He liked anything—free.

▸ Manny Elias, Phoenix bantam, scored an easy victory over Jimmy Abeyta of Oakland at the Oakland Auditorium. Elias, on the move and the aggressor from the start, beat the Oakland bantam rather easily. Abeyta held his own only for a few rounds, but as Elias's blows kept coming over accurately, he grabbed and held often.

Referee Vern Bybee, the lone official, had Elias the winner by a lopsided 5-1 count. On our card it was Elias by 5.3.

Both men weighed 117 pounds.

The gross gate hit a disappointing $1485.

Tony Dominguez, 155, returned to the ring after a long layoff to decision Moses Cooper, 152½, in six rounds. In other bouts Dick Knight, 144½, kayoed Rocky Hull, 150, in the fourth, and Leroy McGill, 126, kayoed Warren Tinder, 129, in the third.

▸ A yarn to the effect that Alejandro Lavorante would be matched with Roy Harris, the only man to hold a duke over him, was quickly and vehemently denied by Pinky George, the lanky Argentinian's pint-sized pilot. "That's news to me", declared Pinky. The only fight we want is Floyd Patterson; we want a crack at the title."

Sid Ziff's column comment in the Mirror about George Parnassus' offer of half a million bucks to Patterson to defend his title against Lavorante:

"Slow down, George! Is it that big a thing now off the Folley knockout? I hardly think so. There was no overwhelming rush for tickets to see Lavorante and Folley. There was nobody in the gallery and not too many downstairs."

▸ Apparently the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., is a jinx to Folley. He was knocked out twice in that arena back in 1955; flattened in six by Johnny Summerlin and in five by Young Jack Johnson.

▸ Big Bill Nieder, a local boy, won the shotput championship in the last Olympic Games, but apparently the fight-folk don't read stories about Olympic champs. When he made his pro debut in Philadelphia, and got flattened in Round 1 by Jim Wiley—not a title contender—the promoters put out a poster and spelled his name as "Neider". Such is fame.

▸ It was 31 years ago, come August 25, that Max Baer scored a knockout over a boy named Frankie Campbell, in San Francisco. Shortly after the fight, Campbell died in the hospital. Frankie's real name was Camilli, and he was a brother of Dolph Camilli, major league baseball star. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

A few weeks ago, another Campbell—lightweight Harry Campbell—died of the same cause, a couple of days after his fight with Al Medrano in San Francisco. Most ring fatalities are due to cerebral or brain hemorrhages. Two boxers with whom I was closely connected—Pancho Villa and Clever Sencio—died after important fights in their careers. Pancho died ten days after his fight with Jimmy McLarnin, but his death was in no way due to the scrap. He died of Ludwig's angina, a tooth infection, due to his own negligence.

As for Sencio, he died on April 19th, 1926, following his fight with Bud Taylor in Milwaukee. I worked in the corner that night, together with the late Whitey Ekwert, trainer for Frank Churchill's fighters. But the autopsy in Milwaukee disclosed evidence of a previous hemorrhage, and was positively not due to any special punishment at the hands of Taylor. In fact, at the end of the 9th round Sencio was leading Taylor on points. And he finished the fight on his feet, without having suffered a single knockdown.

Nat Fleischer can tell you about the death of Luther McCarty, Billy McCarney's wonder-boy, back in 1914. I believe Nat referred to him as the "white heavyweight champion of the world". McCarty died of a cerebral hemorrhage following his kayo at the hands of a comparative mediocrity known as Arthur Pelkey. On their records, Pelkey "couldn't carry McCarty's gloves", to use an ancient simile.

Harry Campbell's autopsy also disclosed evidence of a previous hemorrhage.

Obviously there is no known method of determining whether a fighter incurs a non-fatal hemorrhage. The case of Ernie Schaaf also comes to mind. Ernie took a severe beating at the hands of Max Baer in August, 1932. He had three fights after that: lost to Unknown Winston, knocked out Winston in a return match; then knocked out Stanley Poreda in January, 1933. A month later, he was stopped by Primo Carnera in the 13th round, died in the hospital a few days later "of a brain injury". A hemorrhage, undoubtedly.

PITTSBURGH BOXING NEWS
By Jerry Kiger

PALESADES McKEESPORT: Fred Martinovich, former freedom fighter in Hungary, won the decision over Dick Di Veronica, 139, of Syracuse, New York. It was a good ten round bout in which Martinovich caught Di Veronica coming and going. Carmen Basilio disappointed McKeesport fans for the second time. He was supposed to second Di Veronica.

In the six round semi-final Henry Hall, 143, earned a split-decision over Andy Gonzales, 137, of Rankin. It was Hall's sixth victory in seven bouts.

Rudy Richardson came out punching to flatten former stablemate and arch enemy Jeff Simmons in 1:19 of the first round.

Jim Bailey, 160, Erie, Pa., via Del Barton, W. Va., KO'ed former McKeesport High football star, Mitch Robinson, in 2:44 of the second round. Mitch had X-rays but he's all right.

Billy Bodish made a hit with the fans as he KO'ed Ray Derby Casey of Braddock, 126½, in the second round of their four round bout. Bodish, a tough cookie from Pittsburgh's Northside, made a big hit in, this, his first pro bout.

The show promoted by Bill Speeny and matched by Jerry Kiger drew 605 people and they paid $1,400.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

Beaumont, Texas — Bill Plattsmier, Promoter Gene "Stringbean" Leslie, 155, New Orleans, peppered George Lea, 157, New Orleans, with so much leather that the bout was halted in the second round at the Sportatorium. Irish Johnny McKoin, 141, Bastrop, had things his own way until he suffered a cut eye and the referee stopped the bout in the sixth round and raised the hand of Mike Fritcher, 145, New Orleans.

Paul Patin, 158, the one-time Louisiana Golden Glove champ, notched another victory in the money ranks when he hammered out a decisioned in six rounds over Joshua O'Neill, 158. Doyle Chamberlain, 185, and Sam O'Quinn, 185, fought to a four round draw.

Donna, Texas, Roman Rodriguez, Promoter Ruben Herrera, 135, whipped Alberto Cantu, 130, in 10-rounds as another Valley city opened up to pro boxing. Jose Martinez, 124, Tko'd Gerardo Ysave Garcia, 123, in the eighth heat. Aurelio Reyna, 122, stopped Maerilleo Silva, 122, in the second.

Odessa, Texas, Ralph Hall, Promoter, Kenny Lane, 137½, Muskegon's top ranking lightweight, was showing in Odessa for the first time and won handily over hometown product, Manuel Gonzales, 140, in 10 rounds.

Al Gonzales, 183, skyscraping former Odessa basketball star, ended matters in the very first round against Randy Wyatte, 205, Dallas. Gabe Cavazos, 142, iced Wayland McMillin, 149, in the first round. Jack Freeman, 181, kayoed Leo "Kid Zorro" Bennett, 180, in the third. Henry Domingues, 135, whipped Leon Amie, 138, in a four.

Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises. There were 6,000 screaming fans on hand, and I'd venture to say that a great majority of them would tell you that on this particular night Cleve "Big Cat" Williams could have tipped over any heavyweight in the world. He demolished Alex Miteff, the burly Argentinian, in the fifth round.

The referee halted proceedings when it was apparent that Cleve's tremendous power could wreck his woozy opponent for keeps. Cleve weighed trim 211, and at 6-3 he looked like Mr. America, Miteff tipped the beam at 208.

George Price, 170½, Houston, stopped stocky Benny Bowser, 170, Austin, in the ninth round to become the new lightheavy champ of Texas. Donnie Fleeman, the champ, decided to hang them up, and the State Commission sanctioned the Price-Bowser battle to determine a new king. Price has lost but three fights in the last five years, and must be rated as one of the better scrappers operating in the Lone Star State.

Garland "Rip" Randall, 134½, Tyler, laid his State lightweight crown on the line against Vic Graffio, 132½, Port Arthur, and stopped his game, undefeated young opponent in the eight round of a riotous affair. Graffio fought stubbornly against a much more experienced opponent, and received an ovation for his plucky stand.

Walter Moerbe, 160½, El Campo, stopped Ralph Williams, 169, Houston, in the third round.

San Antonio, Texas, Pete Kouchoukas, Promoter. Jorge Salazar, 119, Mexico City, won a torrid 10-rounder from Frank Duran, Austin, and immediately thereafter Duran's manager Pat O'Grady set up a howl for a rematch. Sixto San Miguel, 145, San Antonio, chilled Joe Louis Hargrove, 146, Austin, in the fourth round.

Abelardo Varela, 133, kayoed Benito Juarez, 138, in the fifth. Artie Clark, 130, kayoed Armando Morales, 127, in the first round. Joe Soto, 174, stopped Benjamin Armstrong, 185, in the third.

Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises. Bob Cleroux had planned to bore right in, and muffle the left hand of Cut 'n Shoot's Roy Harris. That was his plan of attack, and he lived up to it to the letter. The bullish French Canadian had too many big guns for the country boy.

Cleroux took command from the beginning as he charged in winging ponderous blows to the body of Harris, and you could hear them pop in the balcony. Cleroux got tagged frequently by the back pedaling ex-school teacher, and several right uppercuts, the kind that dropped Floyd Patterson, found their mark but they failed to dent the armor of the plodding Canuck.

The body punches took their toll on Harris, and his corner decided against his coming out for the fifth. It goes into the books as a fifth round kayo for Cleroux. Cleroux weighed 204, Harris at 191 was his lightest since he turned pro.

Henry Watson, 145, Dallas, was tossed through the ropes on one occasion, and another time thrown to the deck by the Austin strongboy Charlie "Pigeon" Patterson, 144, but he managed to win the duke after six action packed rounds. Jimmy Fields, 162, Houston, stopped Johnny Martin, 164, Wichita, Kansas boy making his entrance into the money ranks, in the fifth round.

Joe Tom Powell, 149, Cut 'n Shoot, whipped Jesse Pedraza, 150, Corpus Christi, in a four and both boys made their pro debut. Ollie Blackshear, 133, Houston, whipped Artie Clark, 128, Austin, in a four.

San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter. Celso Hidalgo, 128, came back after an extended absence to hammer out an eight-round win over Alfredo Puente, 125, in the top bout of a club show put on by Promoter Tony Padilla. Hidalgo was getting a lot of action in California and Texas during the early 50's.

Daulton Caro, 151, tko'd Erasmo Mercado, 144½, in the fifth. Alonzo Witherspoon, 170, former Air Force champ, continues to impress as he whipped Mickey Williams, 176½, in an exciting six rounder.

Joe Govea, 149, who once fought Paul Jorgensen as a featherweight, made his comeback as a heavy welter and decisioned Eluterio Landa, 151, in four rounds. Lalo Hernandez, 125½, outdueled Genaro Marones, 128, in four rounds.

The second knockout Roy Harris suffered at the hands of Bob Cleroux has apparently ended the fistic career of the colorful backwoodsman. Roy's legs failed him against Cleroux in Houston, and he simply could not keep going on pins that were as heavy as cement blocks and ached like a decayed molar in the middle of the night. He wasn't knocked out or badly hurt but may have been had he been allowed to continue like he wanted.

Roy is a real gentlemen, and we're happy to tell you that he'll not want for anything. Roy has always been a clean liver, and kept the money earned from boxing. He still lives in the neat little white frame house he built with the help of his dad, Big Henry, on the Harris property in Cut 'n Shoot. He's very happily married, and the father of a little girl.

Roy can go back to teaching school, but says he doubts that he will. He'll take care of his property around Cut 'n Shoot, and some acreage in Arkansas.

NEWS FROM TORONTO, CAN.
By Jacques Tachauer

There have been no pro cards held in Toronto the past couple of months but it is expected that Canadian Heavy King George Chuvalo will meet a name opponent shortly. Chuvalo, when he was placed in fifth spot in "The Ring" ratings recently, equaled the accomplishment of Earl Walls of this city who gained the position in a February issue back in 1954 following his sensational knockout of Bernie Reynolds of New Jersey in just thirty-three seconds of the opening round at Edmonton.

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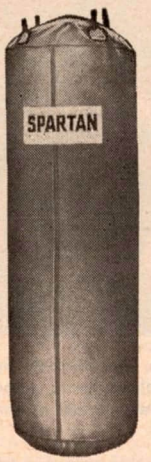

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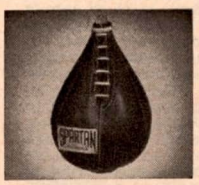

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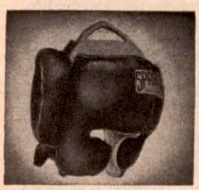

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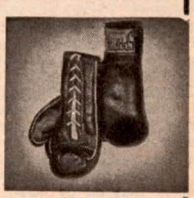

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•EUROPEAN GOSSIP•

BY CHARLIE PARISH

Italy promoted most of this month's programs, and it is apparent that this nation has now usurped France's position as leading fistic power on the Continent. Political disruptions and the fact that France still has most of its youth in uniform partly accounts for the sad state of affairs. With the defeat of Alphonse Halimi by Johnny Caldwell, the French lost their last claim at a World title, though Caldwell will have to settle accounts with Eder Jofre before gaining universal recognition. Gustav Scholz has been shorn of his European title and is allegedly entering the light-heavy ranks next season, though rumour also has it that he intends to retire; Duilio Loi also stated that he is considering retirement, which would be a pity considering the paucity of talent in the welter ranks. Silence reigned in Scandinavia and no programs are planned for Berlin during the summer, but small shows will probably be arranged in Western Germany.

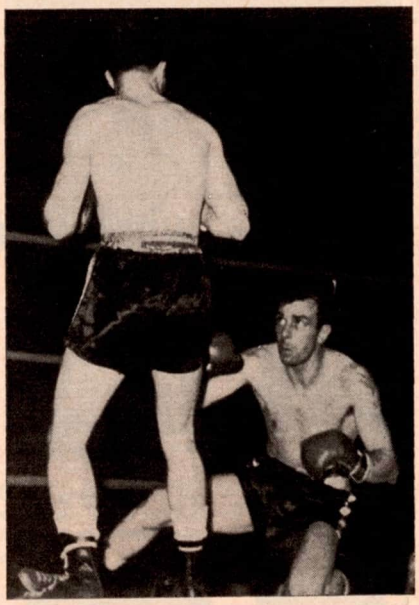
▸ **Milan, Italy.** No less than 60,000 fans attended the San Siro Stadium when Duilio Loi defended his world junior welter title against Carlos Ortiz, and the program fortunately went off without a hitch. Both fighters weighed in just over the lightweight limit, Loi weighing a pound more than the challenger. Ortiz copped the nod in their first meeting, Loi won the return and in this, the deciding fray, a needle element was apparent. Both battlers tore in from the opening gong and straight off began to rough things up, Ortiz being warned for clouting to the kidneys while Loi was using his head and heeling with the gloves. In the following rounds the battle evolved into a fairly regular pattern, with Ortiz continually on the attack, Loi fighting a defensive action but controlling the bout from the middle of the ring and opening up with sudden flashing attacks that generally found their target. After a lively set-to in the sixth round, a looping right rocketed onto Ortiz's chin and the Puerto Rican went down for a count of "4". As he resumed, he was decked by a fusillade of punches and had some trouble in avoiding a further knockdown. At the start of the seventh, Loi jerked Ortiz's head back with a sharp left hook and then rocked Ortiz with a stinging right. Ortiz bored forward, trying to get to close quarters but the Italian displayed masterly footwork. Things got electric again in the tenth with some very rough exchanges, the visitor trying furiously to land at least a knockdown. Loi began to slacken down the pace and was content merely to keep his points lead, which encouraged Ortiz to sail in with repeated two-fisted attacks in the final rounds. Loi wound up a clear points winner, despite having to favor his left hand injured a week previous.

Giancarlo Garbelli's hopes of a possible shot at the vacant European middles title were temporarily blasted by Juan Carlos Duran, a lanky Argentine who had hitherto only fought second-raters in his Italian campaign. There was no sign of the Garbelli who held Laszlo Papp to a draw, Duran was top dog in every round and in the ninth he almost had the local fighter knocked out. Plinio Scarabellin underwent his first big test as a heavyweight and failed to convince. Phlegmatic Bert Whitehurst was the better man in most phases of their scrap but the decision went to Plinio amid boos from the crowd.

Bantam Federico Scarponi fought a valiant battle against the classy Argentine, Ernesto Miranda, but the latter boxed calmly and efficiently throughout to win a clear points victory. In a hectic featherweight scramble, Lino Mastellaro, edged a rung up the ladder by trouncing Alberto Serti in eight rounds.

▸ **Oran, Algeria.** Warming up for his world title defense against John Caldwell, Alphonse Halimi wasted no ceremony on Michel Lamora, knocking out the French bantam in the fifth round. René Barriere successfully defended his French feathers crown by outscoring Michel Atlan on points battling at crackerjack pace and Marc Desfourneaux laced local middleweight Bruno Spataro in eight.

▸ **Bourges, France.** Hippolyte Annex took a chance by calling on Ahmed Sebane in his own bailiwick, in defense of his national welter crown. The Algerian proved his mettle by outscoring the champ in the opening rounds, Annex put on the pressure but was unable to nail his elusive foeman and had his work cut out to force a draw after fifteen rounds of fast going. Annex is having weight trouble and is due to campaign in the middleweight ranks next season.



Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium, hits deck during fight with Freddy Gilroy, Ireland. Pierre rallied and kayoed Gilroy in ninth to win vacant European bantam title.

▸ **At Granville,** Albert Younsi was held to a draw by local bantam favorite, Pierre Rossi, whilst at **Denain,** brother Roger Younsi shared honors with Belgium's Julien Milaire in a welter eight.

▸ **Perugia, Italy.** Franco Brondi won without impressing against the West African lightweight, Abdelaye Faradji, in eight whilst featherweight Mario Sitri was obliged to retire in the fourth round of his scrap with Jean Houbloup, due to a fractured jaw.

▸ **At Ravenna,** Bruno Ravaglia whipped Salvatore Colella in a lightie eight and at **Arezzo,** Franco Bianchin trounced rugged Ilya Lukic of Yugoslavia in a gory welter eight and Giuseppe Bruni outscored Dino Tonacini, Swiss flyweight, also in eight.

▸ **Naples, Italy.** At the Coni gymnasium, Ray Nobile made a brilliant entry into the lightweight ranks by thumping out a clear points win over the French champion, Manuel Sosa, over ten rounds. Franco De Piccoli had an easy workout at the expense of washed-out Werner Walloschek of Germany, blasting out the Berliner in the opening stanza. René Brunet was ruled out in the sixth round of his middles clash with Nino Benvenuti.

▸ **Sassari, Italy.** Sergio Caprari won quickly against second-rate Assane ben Hattab of Tunisia, the latter's corner slinging in the towel as the ref counted over the dazed visitor in the third round. Kamara Diop slammed Ugo Milan to the floor in the first few seconds of their bantam clash and although the Italian resumed fighting at the count of "8", Diop succeeded in maintaining the upper hand for the ten rounds of their blistering fight.

▸ **Milan, Italy.** At the Principe Theater, Umberto Urzi's non-stop attacking tactics failed to pay off against the cool workmanship of Raffaele Menunni in a hectic welter eight. Menunni succeeded in getting the decision, despite the presence of Carlos Ortiz in Urzi's corner. Michele Gullotti, new feathers threat, advanced a stage further by whipping veteran Sergio Milan in eight.

▸ **Geneva, Switzerland.** A team of Italian gladiators met with mixed fortunes in the Alpine Republic. Veteran Dante Madella had his losing streak crowned by a crushing knockout inflicted by the Corsican middleweight, Armand Vannucci, who flattened his opponent with a right to the jaw in the third frame. Renato Ravasi obtained a draw against Daniel Leuillier of France in a welter eight and Salvatore Colella lost out to Louis Chaquitano, Franco-Italian lightie, over six rounds.

▸ **Paris. At the Salle Wagram,** Claude Saluden stopped Bernard Leperdrix in the sixth round of their welter slam whilst Georges Estatoff sprung a surprise by outpunching puncher Henri Vargas, whose corner struck their colors in the seventh round. Vargas had previously won ten bouts before the limit. Yolande Leveque knocked out Charles Luce of Martinique in the second heat of a middles contest.

▸ **At the Central,** Ivan Prebeg, Yugoslav cruiser, scored a good win over Mahmoud Abdessalem, halting the Algerian in the fourth round.

▸ **Toulon, France.** Robert Duquesne, who was refused a license to fight Tom McNeeley in Boston, displayed unusual determination is his title-defense against Francis Magnetto. The Dook cast caution to the winds and set about the challenger in great style, belting Magnetto to such good effect that the Provencal's corner slung in the towel during the ninth round. Jean Albouy whipped the Portuguese, Neves Leyte, in a lightweight six.

▸ **Lyons, France.** Michel Vinot gained an unpopular decision over Moussa Sangaree in a cruiser ten at the Silk City.

▸ **At Brest,** rising Jean-Claude Leroy out-fought veteran Henri Schmid in a hard bantam ten whilst at **Tours,** Jean Guerard handed out a severe clobbering to Don Braithwaite, Welsh flyweight, and knocked him out in the third round.

▸ **Brescia, Italy.** Sante Amonti made a welcome return to action on his own stamping-ground, attracting 10,000 spectators to the Rigamonti Stadium for his clash with dangerous Frankie Daniels. The American wasn't much of a terror in this bout, spending the first half of the bout laying on and clinching. Amonti succeeded in getting through with series of damaging body-punches which sapped Daniels' resistance and in the end Amonti finally nailed his opponent with a left jab followed by a right hook which floored Daniels for "8". As soon as he got to his feet Amonti met him with a battery of blows which shortly dropped Daniels for a further count of "9", whereupon Daniels' corner signalled their man's retirement. Tomasoni, 168, had quite a task in subduing dour Gerhard Moll, 160, after dropping the German twice in the opening stages of their six-rounder. Luigi Furio, 146, halted the Austro-Turkish welter. Ziyaris Taki, in the fifth frame of a one-sided affair and Luigi Gheda defeated Benito Michelon in a cruiser six.

▸ **Rotterdam, Holland.** After his upset defeat against Nelis Oostrum a few weeks ago, Leen Jansen has decided to try his luck among the heavyweights. In his debut among the Goliaths, Jansen succeeded in belting out the roly-poly Frenchman, René Goubelle, in five rounds. Toon Schurrmans continued on his winning way, trouncing Maurice Devilliers, French welter, in eight.

▸ **Madrid, Spain.** A new lightweight champion was crowned when José Manrique outscored Enrique Lezaun via the points route to capture the vacant title. The former champion, Fred Galiana, having been magnanimously reinstated by the Federation, defeated Mario Vecchiatto in a poor display of mauling and clinching that brought storms of disapproval from the crowd. Ernesto Bossi, brother of Olympic star Carmelo, upset the dope by belting out Fernando Penarroya in the eighth round of a middles clash whilst Alfonso Del Rio trimmed Valentin Castellanos in a lightweight eight.

▸ **Ghent, Belgium.** Willy Carmelliet retained his cruiser title by halting mediocre Constant Plut in the eighth round of a monotonous affair. Bob Stevens gained partial revenge for a previous kayo defeat by sharing honors with Dutchman Harko Kokmeyer in a hard middles ten.

▸ **At Seraing,** Lambert Dumont, after a lengthy absence from ring wars, returned to action with a points win over Noel Soetens in a feathers eight.

▸ **Grenoble, France.** Local middles favorite André Davier put up a good fight against Jean Ruel-

let but his guns weren't heavy enough to prevent the champ scoring a points win in a bitter ten-rounder. Paolo Sciré, an Italian lightie, nodded Mohamed Mamache in eight.

Rome. At the Palazzetto, Frank Hardison of Las Vegas gained a spectacular win over rugged Luigi Castoldi before a good crowd. In the opening round, Castoldi smashed away repeatedly at his opponent's face and held the lead for several rounds. After the third round, Hardison elected to use speed and science to outwit the heavy-hitting Italian, uppercutting Castoldi as he launched his furious charges and gradually wearing his opponent down. Castoldi sustained a bad cut over his left eye which led the medico to halt hostilities before the start of the eighth round. Jesse Jones and Giacomo Putti likewise kicked off at terrific speed but in the second round a wild blow from Jones landed below the belt and Putti fell writhing to the canvas; the ref was obliged to disqualify the negro.

Ferrara, Italy. Carlo Morini halted Bruno Burlovich in the third round of a lightweight slam here and a new arrival from the Argentine, Omar Oliva, knocked out blond Emiliano Possessi in the third frame of a fast feathers fray.

At Lecco, Claude Thevoz, Swiss feather, was taken out of action in the opening round of his rough-and-tumble with Canclini, after taking three trips to the canvas.

Florence, Italy. Geppino Gentiletti was handed an unexpected setback by the second-rate French middle, Robert Martinez, and lost over eight rounds. Piero Del Papa, lightheavy prospect, put matters straight by belting out Mohamed Seba of Algeria in five.

At Cagliari, Paolo Melis halted Emilio Avelli in the fourth round of a middles bout.

Paris. At the Salle Wagram, fast-improving Omrane Sadok displayed impressive hitting power when he put the crusher on Hector Constance in the opening round of their welter dispute, thus achieving his seventh straight win before the limit. In a feathers-eight, Robert Dris outboxed Jacques Delplace to win on points.

At Nice, Sauveur Chiocca won without undue exertion over Annibale Omodei in a welter ten.

Marseilles, France. Prior to defending his European title against Caprari, Gracieux Lamperti limbered up at the expense of trial-horse Robert Meunier. The latter, recently defeated by Zadourian and Dantas, was no match for the Corsican and was duly counted out in the fifth round after sustaining a regular beating. Portuguese feather Joao Dos Santos was beaten by Pierre Vetroff via the points route.

Padua, Italy. The heavyweight title changed hands when Rocco Mazzola was awarded the decision over Federico Friso after twelve rounds of hard mauling. It was a most unpopular verdict, Friso having got the best of things in later stages with powerful attacks at close-quarters. Half an hour elapsed before the program could continue. Angelo Rampin, 111, outscored Salvatore Manca, 110, over eight rounds.

Pesaro, Italy. Giuseppe Linzalone, smart bantam prospect, won clearly over Andrea Ghisolfi in six rounds here.

In Rome, Renato Giacche halted game Nedo Stampi at the start of the fourth round in their welter clash due to a cut eye.

Turin, Italy. More frequent programs in the Automobile City are likely since the opening of the new Sports Palace. Seven thousand fans jammed the stadium to watch Ray Nobile tangle with tearaway Jackie Chauveau of France. The Italian, already recognized as challenger for European honors, won every round in a fast-moving lightweight scrap. Franco De Piccoli waited until the third round before moving in with his rib-crushing blasts to the mid-section, knocking out tough Ossi Buettner of Germany with a paralyzing hook to the liver. Franco Musso decisioned Eugene Le Cozanet, France, in a feathers eight without highlights and Nino Benvenuti knocked out Michel Francois in the fourth round of a middles debate. Domenico Orma edged Alves Savoi in a welter six and Armando Scorda halted Renato Galli in the sixth session of their torrid feathers maul.

Calais, France. Elysée Castre retrieved the confidence of his supporters by out-cuffing tough little Henri Schmid in a hard bantam ten here.

At Conde, Roger Younsi halted the Italian, Angelo Caschetto, in the sixth round of a welter argument.

Abidjan, West Africa. Jules Touan forced the retirement of gallant Belaid Meslem just two minutes before the end of their feathers ten whilst in a lightweight affiair, Joseph Ta was held to a draw by the Nigerian, Kid Rainbow.

Barcelona, Spain. The national feathers title changed hands when Jose Luis Biescas copped the verdict against champion Antonio Ramos, who had previously beaten the Olympic fighter.

Cantu, Italy. Giordano Campari hardly had even a workout against Bruno Ravaglia in defense of his lightweight title. Campari biffed the challenger to the side of the head during a preliminary scuffle and Ravaglia went down and out for the full count. Blond Serafino Novati stopped Cominardi in the fifth round of a cruiser clash, due to a badly pulped eye and Giuseppe Marotto whipped Ghinaglia in a lightweight six.

Treviso, Italy. Carmelo Bossi edged out substitute Germano Cavalieri in a fairly even middles eight.

At Genoa, Danilo Giusti avenged a previous defeat by belting out Claude Thevoz, Swiss feather, in three rounds whilst the latter's team-mate, Ilya Lukic of Yugoslavia, was laid flat out in the fifth round of his welter clash against Italo Roncallo.

Siegen, Germany. Peter Mueller inflicted six knockdowns in his third meeting with Salah Mousri of Syria before the ref halted the very one-sided exchanges during the fifth round. Harry Kurschat, 143, started off in grand style against Miguel Lopez, 134, belting the Spaniard at will but Lopez kept his footing and kept slugging away. Things got very rough in the fourth, Kurschat getting the upper hand eventually to win via the points route. Edgar Basel, 116 again paid forfeit for tackling much heavier opposition; he outsmarted Si Mohamed, 134, for two rounds but was knocked out in the third round by a palpably low blow. Mohamed was not disqualified. Klaus Langhammer, 159, forced the retirement of valiant Addi Mueller, 152, in the second round. The clash between Klaus Winkler, 156, and Mohamed Saieb, 159, of Syria, was stopped temporarily when the ring lighting failed in the sixth round. When repairs had been effected the bout continued, with Winkler gaining an unpopular points win. This was the first attempt to put on professional boxing in Siegen and was quite a success, more than 3,000 fans attending Rolf Harnie's debut in the promoting field.

Hamburg, Germany. A gathering of 5,000 at the Ernst Merck Hall put the seal of success on Carl Schulmeister's promotion, with Hans Wohlers providing the chief attraction in his return clash with Louis Trochon, the French mulatto who put the mockers on Wohlers in Frankfurt last year. Trochon has been more or less on the sidelines since, but still retains a dangerous clout. On this occasion he made the mistake of trying for a quick win as in their first meeting and ran smack into Wohlers' powerful counter punching; by the third round, Trochon was being knocked from one side of the ring to the other. A terrific right swing knocked the Frenchman's feet from under him and he went down flat on his face for the count, Wim Snoek, 187, demonstrated against Uli Ritter, 199, that his claims for a shot at the European title are worth consideration by clearly outscoring the German over ten rounds. The 32-year-old Dutch champion, who incidentally wears contact-lenses in the ring, possesses an extensive repertoire gained in his various campaigns in South America, the West Indies and all parts of Europe. Peter Goschka, 132, and Hans Peter Schmitz, 132, both more or less at the start of their careers, disputed an eliminator for the right to meet Rudhof for the lightweight title. Although he scored two knockdowns and won clearly over eight rounds, Goschka failed to make much impression. Heini Meinhardt, 162, won against Bas van Duivenbode, 159, almost succeeded in flooring the Dutchman in the fourth and last round whilst Rudi Nehring, 169, won against Klaus Hessmann, 187, in an uninspired eight-rounder.

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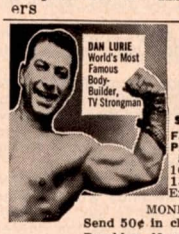

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HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ing. Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2. Hans Kalbfell (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Peter Mueller (G)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Karl Mildenberger (G)	Helmut Ball (G)	Marcel Pigou (F)	Hippolyte Annex (F)
4. Sante Amonti (I)	Lennart Risberg (SW)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Fortunato Manca (I)
5. Albert Westphal (G)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	Chris Christensen (D)
6. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	André Drille (F)	Luis Folledo (S)
7. Wim Snoek (H)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Manfred Hass (G)	Stefan Redl (G)
8. Plinio Scarabellin (I)	Paul Roux (F)	Bruno Fortilli (I)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
9. Thoerner Ahsman (SW)	Ottavio Panunzi (I)	Jean Ruellet (F)	Ahmed Sebane (F)
10. Ulli Ritter (G)	Georges Torrecillas (F)	Franco Fiori (I)	Yves Cornez (B)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Aissa Hashas (F)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
2. Giordano Campari (I)	Sergio Caprari (F)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	René Libeer (F)
3. Fred Galiana (S)	René Barriere (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
4. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Jules Touan (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
5. Guy Gracia (F)	Willi Quattuor (G)	Pierre Vetroff (F)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
6. Guizani Rezgui (T)	Paul Maolet (F)	Kamara Diop (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)
7. Fernand Nollet (F)	Lino Mastellaro (I)	Sugar Ray (H)	Albert Younsi (F)
8. Conny Rudhof (G)	Jean Renard (B)	Elysée Castre (F)	Giacomo Spano (I)
9. Ray Nobile (I)	José Biescas (S)	Ugo Milan (I)	Raton Osuna (S)
10. Omrane Sadok (T)	Antonio Ramos (S)	Giuseppe Linzalone (I)	Young Martin (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By

JOHN S. SHARPE

EMPIRE POOL . . . WEMBLEY . . . "The Battle of The Golden Boys" so said the publicity sheets, posters & programmes, all printed in a golden background . . . A record purse of £12,055, shared on a 60/40 basis for this featherweight British championship between Terry Spinks, Canning Town, the holder, and Howard Winstone, Merthyr. Spinks won his Gold Medal at Melbourne in the 1956 Olympics, and Winstone in the Empire Games at Cardiff in 1958.

The former as a flyweight, and his challenger as a bantamweight, and at this weigh-in, Spinks scaled 126 to the Welshmans 122¾.

The champion had two notches on The Lord Lonsdale belt, and if he was the victor in this bout, he would have made "The Belt" his own property, which enables him to receive a pension of £52, a year at the age of Fifty.

Winstone on the other hand was having his 25th bout as a professional without defeat.

Spinks forced the pace in the first round obviously trying to take his opponent out of his stride.

From the second round on, Spinks was beaten to the punch by the superior boxing of Winstone, who took command . . . He forced Spinks to give ground, and the latter countered well with left hooks to Winstone's head, but the cool and always on the target Welshman, soon had the Londoner's face reddened by a left that hardly missed its objective.

By the sixth it was seen that Terry Spinks had met his "Waterloo".

The seventh saw the champion rally in an attempt to recoup his deficit of points, but the further the contest went, the further he went behind. The bell was a happy relief for him as he slowly walked to his corner. His seconds worked frantically over him during the minute's rest.

Although he seemed fresh at the beginning of the eighth, he soon came under the furious onslaught of Winstone who showed no mercy after he pounded Spinks against the ropes, where the latter seemed helpless.

In the ninth Spinks tried desperately with right hand punches to turn the tide, but it was a futile attempt.

Early in the tenth, Winstone put on the pressure with lefts and rights to Spinks' head, and driving him in a neutral corner, showered blow after blow on the helpless Londoner . . . Winstone outpunched the plucky Spinks without a stop as the bell sounded the end of the round.

Spinks rolled unsteadily to his corner beaten beyond all doubt, and his seconds wisely called the referee over to their corner to say that their gallant fighter could not continue. As the referee came over to raise the hand of Howard Winstone of Merthyr, as the new British featherweight champion, the ring was overrun by Welshmen.

Readers of this column will remember my report of his bout with Empire champion Floyd Robertson, in the April edition of "THE RING", in which I stated that, *"I am going overboard in stating that Howard Winstone of Merthyr, will hold THE BRITISH–EMPIRE–and EUROPEAN FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE, before 1961 is out."*

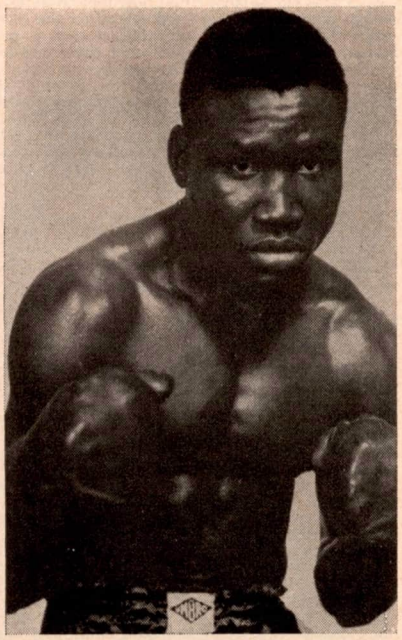
Terry Downes, Paddington, British Middleweight Champion, gained a one-sided victory over Tony Montano, a Mexican from Arizona, 160¼, when the latter retired at the end of the fifth after he had sustained a badly cut left eye.

Tony Mancini, Hammersmith, Southern Area Welterweight Champion, 146¼, was very unfortunate to be declared the loser against Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 147½, for he had fought extremely well to gain the advantage over the tough St. Louis, when he suffered two cut eyes . . . This mishap to Mancini forced referee Harry Gibbs to stop the bout in the sixth and declare St. Louis the winner.

Bobby Kelsey, Forest Gate, 142½, stopped Laslo Schrenk, High Wycombe via Hungary, 149¼, in the sixth and last round. Mick Greaves, Leicester, 125¾, outpointed Dennis East, Plaistow, 127¾, in six.

Dave Whittaker, Battersea, 126, gained the points decision over Mick Marsh, Bath, 126, in a hard fought six . . . Jimmy Assani, Leicester, outpointed Johnny Furnham, Cardiff, in a middleweight six . . .

Guernsey . . . Channel Islands . . . Sid Cain, Watford, 208½, gained a points win over Eric Fearon, Jamaica, 190½, in eight. Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 176, stopped Ossie Nelson, Jamaica, 174¾, in the second. Roy Till, Edgware, 148, outpointed Eddie Sharman, Guernsey, 148, in six. Johnny McKenna, Southend, 130, outpointed Bobby Fiddes, Ireland, 128½, in six. Arnold Bell,



British Empire 160 pound king Dick Tiger, who has returned to his native Nigeria with his family. After getting them settled Dick will continue his pursuit of a title match in the U.S.A.

West Indies, 126½, outpointed Alan Branquet, Guernsey, 125¾, in six. John Ferris, Watford, 159½, stopped Teddy Gardner, Croydon, 159½, in the fifth.

National Sporting Club . . . London . . . Teddy Haynes, Birmingham, 160½, outpointed Johnny Berry, Harlesden, 162, in a hard fought eight. Johnny Gleed, Poplar, 176½, was too good for Brian "Lacy" Stannard, King's Lynn, 174½, and won on points in eight. George Blazeby, Norwich, 148½, stopped Eddie Green, Pontypridd, 147, in the fifth.

Carl Taylor, Richmond, 115, defeated Mark Quinn, Dagenham, 116½, in the third, when the latter was disqualified. Tony Oliver, Brixton, 153, outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 151, in six . . .

WALWORTH . . . The Mayor of Southwark's yearly Boxing show, staged by Jack Solomons, was a huge success. Tommy Trinder, The well known comedian, auctioned gifts to the tune of over £1,000 . . . Chief bout was that between Roy Beaman, Brixton, 124½, and Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 128, who was having his last bout as a featherweight . . . The taller boxer used the ring well to overcome the aggressive tactics of Beaman, who was always kept at the end of a snappy left glove. With the verdict safely tucked away on points as they came out for the seventh, Jacobs suddenly unleashed a right to the jaw of Beaman, who went down for "three". On rising he was all at sea.

After another count of "six" for Beaman, he staggered against the ropes and referee Jack Hart wisely intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment.

Eddie Barraclough, Rotherham, 119½, confirmed a previous points win over Brian Bissmire, West Ham, 115½, in eight exciting rounds.

George Cottle, Bermondsey, 144¾, knocked out Peter Kane, Isleworth, 148, in the first. Johnny Ould, Bermondsey, Former Cruiserweight Amateur Champion, 176, stopped Brian Coxhead, Preston, 172½, in the third.

Dave Ould, Bermondsey, 188½, knocked out Joe Clift, Willenhall, 192, in the second. Vic Andreeti, Hoxton, 138, outpointed Teddy Carter, Middlesborough, 138½, in a hard fought six . . .

GLASGOW . . . Derry Treanor, Glasgow, 125½, and Jena Renard, Belgium, 128¼, fought a thrilling eight at The Kelvin Sports Arena which opened as John Kelly's first promotion. Both fought desperately to gain the advantage, giving the fans all the thrills that they paid to see. It was even coming into the last round in which Treanor fought one of the best rounds of his career to gain referee Jake Kilrain's decision by a narrow margin.

Jimmy Gibson, Dunfermline, 138, scored a knockout win over John Bacon, Middlesborough, 137, in the third, thus confirming his previous K.O. win over Bacon in the latters home town. Johnny Mallon, Glasgow, 113¼, former Imperial Services Champion, made a great start in the paid ranks with a 55 second victory over Christy Kelly, Limerick, 113. The referee intervened in his favor after the latter rose from a "nine" count in the first, and was unable to defend himself . . . Good work from a promising youngster.

Dick Kiernan, Glasgow, 138, came through with a good win over Johnny McLaren, Coatbridge, 138, in a gruelling six. Andy Barry, Glasgow, 162, stopped Con Morrissey, Cork, 162¼, in the first, after the latter had taken three counts . . .

BRIGHTON . . . Ron Vale, Leamington, 157¾, stopped Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 160¾, in the fourth, after the latter had suffered a bad cut over the eye and cut on his forehead. Cunningham stated that this was his last contest as he was retiring from the ring.

Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 128, outpointed Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 122¼, in a hard fought eight. George Cottle, Bermondsey, 145½, defeated Ken Watson, South Africa, 141¾, when referee Pat Floyd stopped the fight at the end of the sixth after inspecting the latters badly damaged eyes.

Jimmy Assani, Nigeria, 159¼, stopped Ken Chadwick, Bournemouth, 157¾, in the sixth. Al Casson, Coventry, 141¾, stopped Johnny Moona, Oxford, 137¾, in the third. Tommy Leroy, Redhill, 175¾, having his first bout since his National Services duties, defeated Charlie Lake, Catford, 172¾, in the fifth.

SHOREDITCH . . . Danny O'Brien, Kilburn, 129, defeated George Dormer, East Ham, 129, in the fifth of a one sided bout. Dormer, who had been absent from the ring for over a year, came in as a last minute substitute for Billy Davis of West Ham and was ring rusty. It was a relief when referee Tommy Little called a halt.

Viv Andreetti, Hoxton, 135¼, repeated his points win over Teddy Carter, Middlesborough, 139, in a hard hitting six. Ron Brown, Leicester, 137¾, was most fortunate to be declared the winner over Alan Palmer, Norwood, 136, in the second.

Palmer had things all his own way when he received a bad cut over the eye which forced the referee to intervene and declare Brown the winner.

Billy Colvin, Peckham, 112¼, was too aggresive for Mick Taheny, West Ham, 112¾, who was having his first professional bout, and the more experienced Colvin received the referee's decision after a hard fought six.

Peter "Rocky" Nelson, Peckham, 178½, did well in first appearance as a paid fighter by stopping Mick Murphy, Bury, 177¼, in the third.

Roy Till, Edgware, 149, outpointed Terry Beeston, Molesey, 148½, in six. Ivor Delima, Stoke Newington, 148½, stopped Frank Beeston, Molesey, 148¼, in the fourth . . .

NOTTINGHAM . . . Brian Curvis, Swansea, British & Empire Welterweight Champion, 145, retained both titles when he gained a convincing points win over the former British Champion, Wally Swift, Nottingham, 146½, in fifteen interesting rounds. Swift showed to advantage in the first four rounds. The Welshman found his distance in the sixth in which a left hook to Swift's jaw saw the latter stagger across the ring, and go down for a "three" count. On rising Curvis went after his prey in a rousing manner and again dropped his opponent for "nine".

In the seventh, Swift put everything he had to try a stave off the aggressive attacks of Curvis, but try as he might he could not keep Curvis at bay. Swift was a game loser.

Luis Folledo, Spanish Welterweight Champion who gave Curvis a great battle at Wembley, came in nearly four pounds overweight in a match made at 150. He had to pay his opponent £100. weight forfeit, and this may have had some effect on Tony Smith, Bootle, who was five and half pounds lighter.

From the outset the taller Spaniard drove Smith around the ring with his long left leads, and in the third Smith was cornered in a neutral corner where he was hammered to submission from a flurry of blows to the jaw.

Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 113, won narrowly on points over Raton Osuna, flyweight champion of Spain, 114¾, in a hotly disputed eight. Barry Ridge, Leicester, outpointed Peter Williams, Ilkeston, in a lightweight six.

Dick North, Calverton, and Jacob Dempsey, Leicester, drew in a hard hitting middleweight six. Jimmy Weeldon, Beeston, outpointed Barrie Adgie, Derby, in a flyweight six. Nat Jacobs, Manchester, outpointed Eddie Phillips, Nigeria, in a welterweight four . . .

GLASGOW . . . John "Cowboy" McCormack, Glasgow, 162, was a clear points winner over Michel Diouf, France, 160½, in ten, thus repeating a previous win gained just over two years back. Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 137¼, outpointed Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 135½, in eight. This was Jacobs first bout as a lightweight.

Tommy McMillan, Glasgow, stopped Bobby

Elliott, Belfast, in the first of a featherweight bout. The referee intervened to save the latter from unnecessary punishment.

George Judge, Glasgow, knocked out Paddy Kelly, Derry, in the first of a featherweight bout. Danny Lee, Port Glasgow, stopped Dave Johnson, Hendon, in the fourth of a bantamweight bout. Alex McMillan, Glasgow, gained a points win over George Hands, Edinburgh, in six . . .

▸ **BRISTOL** . . . Stan Cullis, Bristol, 171¾, enhanced his reputation by winning the Southern Area Cruiserweight Title from the holder, Johnny Cole, Bow, 168¼, when referee Billy Jones, stopped the contest in his favor during the 11th round after the latter had taken considerable punishment and was in no condition to defend himself. Cullis is now in line for a match with Chic Calderwood for the British and Empire cruiserweight titles held by the latter.

Sammy McSpadden, Fulham, 138, fought well to outpoint Stan Bishop, Kidderminster, 137¾, in a hard fought eight. Tony Ratcliffe, Bristol, 163½, knocked out Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, 164, in the first.

Ivor Evans, Bournemouth, 161½, outpointed Johnny Plenty, Bristol, 161, in six. Albert Dixon, Bristol, 145, outpointed Terry Thompson, Gloucester, 149¾, in six.

Colin Humphries, Pyle, 146½, outpointed Jimmy McMillan, Isleworth, 147¾, in six . . . Tommy Kansas, Bristol, 137½, stopped Vic Baxendale, Retford, 137, in the sixth and last round . . .

▸ **MANCHESTER** . . . There was quite a lot of controversey when T-V viewers saw Harry Carroll, Cardiff, 127, receive the referee's decision over Chris Elliott, Leicester, 128, some weeks back. Indignant letters were sent to the press claiming that the Leicester boxer was harshly treated . . . Promoter Gus Demmy jumped in with a return at The Free Trade Hall in which a good crowd turned out to witness. Carroll on this occasion won convincingly on points. Wally Thom rendering the decision in favour of The Welshman.

Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 128, gained a clear points win over Peter Lavery, Belfast, 128, in eight. Peter Bates, Doncaster, 204, stopped Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 193, in the first, when the latter was forced to retire at the end of the round after receiving a badly cut right eye.

Barry Calderwood, Salford, 130, knocked out Andy Dickson, Bury, 130, in 1.min.50.secs. of the first. Jackie Harwood, Bolton, 144, knocked out Dennis Burton, Nottingham, 152½, in 2.min.50. secs. of the first.

Bernard Sullivan, Salford, 189, knocked out Joe Clift, Wolverhampton, 192, in 2.min.55.secs.of the first. Johnny Furnham, Cardiff, 160, stopped Roy McArthur, Huddersfield, 162½, in the fourth. George Palin, Crewe, 148, outpointed Jimmy Powell, Preston, 149, in six . . .

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . London** . . . Jimmy McGrail, Liverpool, 150, although outpointing Ray Ashie, Ghana, 148, in eight, did not show any of his previous good fighting qualities, and had to fight hard to keep his lead to the end.

Alex Ambrose, Glasgow, 118½, outpointed Don Cosheril, Jersey, 120½, in a hard fought eight. Paul Eugene, Oxford, 150, defeated Eric Young, Walworth, 148, in the second when the referee stopped the bout in Eugene's favor after Young had received a badly cut eye.

Brian Smith, Porthcawl, 128, stopped Roy Lake, Morden, 126½, in the fourth, after the latter had taken several counts. John Ferris, Ireland, 162, and Terry Gardner, Croydon, 161, fought a hectic six to a draw . . .

▸ **NEWCASTLE** . . . Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 136½, was a shade unlucky in not receiving the full honors against Epiphane Akono, France, 138, in eight, for the better and cleaner boxing came from Cooke in a slow swinging bout which the referee declared a draw. In contrast was the bout between Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 114½, and Brian Cartwright, Birmingham, 115, who provided the fans with a clever set-to, in which the more experienced Scottish Champion came out on top to receive the referee's decision at the end of a brilliant eight.

Maurice Lloyd, Crewe, 149, knocked out Billy Linton, Middlesborough, 152¾, in 35.sec, of the first. Teddy Carter, Guisborough, 138, outpointed Ron Cowely, Sunderland, 141, in six.

Teddy Baldwin, Gateshead, 158, outpointed George Heads, North Shields, 165, in six. George Hand, Edinburgh, 130, outpointed Joe Wright, Wallsend, 129½, in six . . .

▸ **FINSBURY PARK** . . . One of the most sensational contests seen at this hall, was that between Derek Lloyd, Chingford, 114, and Pancho Bhatachaiji, India, 112, in which the latter was knocked out in the fourth. These two flyweights met three weeks before with the referee unable to part them after a great bout. The Indian Lad started off well, having Lloyd on the canvas from a good left hook in the second in which Lloyd took a count of "eight". He was a target when he got up and again was toppled over for another "eight". The Chingford boxer nevertheless lasted the round by sheer gameness . . . The latter miraculousy recovered during the rest period and came out fighting in the third but in the fourth the indian sank to the canvas to be counted out . . .

Dave Coventry, Liverpool, 136½, knocked out John Bacon, Middlesborough, 137½, in the second.

Phil Ludgren, Bermondsey, 128¼, outpointed Johnny McKenna, Southend, 128¼, in a spirited six. Vic Andreetti, Hoxton, 135¾, outpointed Tommy Tiger, Leicester, 135½, in a hard fought six.

Johnny Mantle, Battersea, 137, made an impressive start in the paid ranks with a points win over Joe Falcon, Leicester, 136¾, in six. Billy Odwell, Camden Town, 128, outpointed Dave Goodwin, Bournemouth, 126½, in six . . .

▸ **TOWN HALL . . . WEMBLEY** . . . Dave Parsons, Northolt, 135½, was full value for his points win over Pat Aaron, Nigeria, 139¼, in an interesting eight. Parsons boxed cooly throughout against a strong aggressive opponent whose one object was to take the popular Northolt lad out of his stride. This he failed to do, and the decision was just a formality.

Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 148, and Joe Ceroni, Italy & Bournemouth, 149, almost fought themselves to a standstill with their vicious swinging at each other in which the fans were treated to a thrilling set-to. McMasters was the better ring general and cleaner hitter which warranted the referee's decision at the end of a hectic eight.

John West, Hove, 154, outpointed Bobby Simms, Northolt, 158½, in a hard fought six. Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 125¼, outpointed Billy Meek, Shoreditch, 122¼, in a fast six.

Johnny Dolphin, West Indies, 145, outpointed Jim "Ginger" McMillan, Isleworth, 150¼, in six. Steve Parsons, Northolt, 118¼, outpointed Ray Edwards, Wales, 116¾, in six . . .

▸ **BRUSSELS . . . Belgium** . . . Freddie Gilroy, Belfast, 116½, failed in his attempt to regain The European Bantamweight Title when he met Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium, 117, in a scheduled 15 rounder. Gilroy retired in the ninth after he had taken considerable punishment in the last two rounds.

The Irishman was sent down five times in the eighth in which the bell came to his assistance. When he was again floored in the ninth, his seconds threw in the towel.

Gilroy started off well in the early rounds. He had the Belgian on the deck for "four" in the second, but in the fourth, he ran into a hard right which put him down for "seven". On rising, he was a sitting target for the hard hitting Cossemyns and was again down for "six".

Gilroy from then on received considerable punishment.

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . London** . . . Terry Crimmins, Cardiff, stopped "Southpaw" Johnny O'Callaghan, Dagenham, in the sixth of a bantamweight bout when referee Harry Gibbs intervened to save O'Callaghan from further punishment.

Sammy McSpadden, Fulham, gained a good win when he stopped Teddy Carter, Middlesborough, in the sixth of a lightweight bout. Danny Well, Basildon, and Carl Taylor, Richmond, drew in a bantamweight six . . . Billy Colvin, Peckham, outpointed Don James, Swansea, in a flyweight six . . .

▸ **EMPIRE POOL . . . WEMBLEY** . . . Johnny Caldwell, Belfast, British Flyweight Champion, 116 & 6. Oz. . . . Won the British version of the world bantamweight title, from Alphonse Halimi. French Algerian, 117, and 10. oz., after a thrilling 15 round battle. . . . The 23 year old Irishman surprised his most ardent supporters by his fine showing. A complete detailed report is elsewhere in this issue.

So pleased was promoter Jack Solomons with the victory and the turnout that he signed the pair for a return bout in the fall.

▸ Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, outpointed Joe Salci, USA, 146, in a hard fought ten round supporting bout.

▸ Tony Mancini. Southern Area Welterweight Champion, 145, outpointed Tanos Lambrianides, Greece, 148, in a hard fought eight . . . Ken Field. Shoreditch, 127½, was awarded a points decision over Johnny Morrissey, Scotland, 128, in a closely fought eight. Morrissey was a late substitute for Billy Calvert.

Phil Ludgren, Bermondsey, 127¼, stopped Al McCarthy, Romford, 126¾, in the sixth.

Brian Bissmire, West Ham, 114¾, outpointed Alex O'Neill, Belfast, 113 & 10.oz. Jimmy "Cyclone" Slattery, Newport, 156, outpointed Roy Burke, Jamaica, 153½, in six . . .

From South Africa
By Brian Rakkies

Durban—Boxing returned to Durban after a long absence with Bernie Taylor, former bantam champ, stopping Rudy Oosthiuzen, Transvaal holder, in the ninth round for the vacant crown.

▸ **Johannesburg**—Though Del Flanagan of St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A., got the decision over the southpaw, Gert Van Heerden, it was a poor verdict. Our boy was well ahead. Flanagan was dropped three times in the first and once in the seventh, but his opponent was disqualified for hitting low.

Hansie "Boer-Boel" Duplessis moved a step nearer the South African welter title when he stopped Ronnie Van Der Walt in the third stanza.

▸ **Non-European Results** — ▸ Johannesburg — Orlando Stadium—Levy Golden Boy Madi retained his South African feather title by outpointing Elias Baby Face Tshabalala in 12 rounds.

▸ In the Transvaal welter clash, MacKeed Mofokeng retained his throne by outpointing Henry Sidumo in a slugfest. Henry Young Seabela stopped Johannes Black in the fifth round of a welter bout.

▸ **Johannesburg**—Uncle Tom's Cabin—Philemore Tshabalala retained the Transvaal middleweight title by stopping Chris Mahlobo in the seventh round. South African welter holder Joos Kangaroo Maoto defeated the Natal champ, Joseph Zuku Mahlebathsishi, in eight rounds.

▸ **Johannesburg**—In an excellently fought battle, lightweight champion Enoch Schoolboy Nhlapo outpointed former bantam and featherweight king Sexton Mabena before a crowd of 10,000. Arrangements are being made for the winner to meet Joey Brown, world champion. Negotiations have been on for some time.

▸ Jerry Moloi retained his Transvaal lightweight title, stopping Steven Segole in the third round.

Johannesburg: Light heavyweight Alfredo Vogrig of Italy, took a fifth round tko over South Africa's Mike Holt. The referee halted the contest due to a severe eye cut sustained by Holt. South African heavyweight champion Gawie de Klerk retained his crown by an 11th round knockout over Jan Scheepers.

Bernie Taylor, Durban, South African feather champ, notched a fourth round tko over Steve Fleishman.

In a lightweight fight Mickey Pretorius won a six-round decision over Sam Stewart.

On another card in Johannesburg (Non-European) lightweights Dick "Homocide" Goba, Natal feather titleholder, won a six-round decision over Lawrence Mak Hanya.

In a bantamweight contest Professor Black achieved a six-round kayo over Raphael Newana.

▸ **Rhodesia, Luanshya:**

Dennis Adams, Johannesburg, South African flyweight champ, retained his crown when referee Duggie Miller declared his bout with non-white champion of South Africa, John Mtimkulu, a "no contest."

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(To June 21, 1961)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Dick Tiger (N)	Brian Curvis (W)
2. Brian London (E)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Terry Downes (E)	Mick Leahy (E)
3. Dick Richardson (W)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Yama Bahama (B)	Wally Swift (E)
4. Joe Erskine (W)	Stan Cullis (E)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Jimmy McGrail (E)
\$. George Chuvalo (C)	Alan Harman (J)	John McCormack (S)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
6. Robert Cleroux (C)	Johnny Cole (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Johnny Melfah (N)
7. Jim Cooper (E)	Tony Smith (Wolv'h'ton) (E)	Gomeo Brennan (B)	Tony Smith (Liv'p'l) (E)
8. George Mahoni (To)	Ron Redrup (E)	Tuna Scanlon (NZ)	Gale Kerwin (C)
9. Ray Shiel (E)	Burke Emery (C)	Peter Read (A)	Tony Mancini (E)
10. Peter Bates (E)	Lesley Borden (C)	Ron Vale (E)	Johnny Kramer (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Rafiu King (N)	Johnny Caldwell (I)	Jackie Brown (S)
2. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Howard Winstone (W)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Briant Cartwright (E)
3. Gary Cowburn (A)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Derek Lloyd (E)
4. Maurice Cullen (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	George Bowes (E)	Alex O'Neil (I)
5. George Bracken (A)	Derry Treanor (S)	Dennis Adjie (G)	George McDade (S)
6. Steve Nittes (A)	Love Allotey (G)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Jack Treshman (A)
7. Darkie Hughes (W)	Wally Taylor (A)	Alex Ambrose (S)	Don Braithwaite (W)
8. Bunny Grant (J)	Terry Spinks (E)	Don Weller (E)	Pancho Bhatachaji (In)
9. Johnny Cooke (E)	Ken Field (E)	Peter Lavery (I)	Allan Gibbards (A)
10. Ron Hinson (E)	Dave Hilton (C)	Terry Crimmins (W)	Johnny Mallon (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

MICKEY WALKER

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It developed that they had found a cache of machine guns in the Army basement and decided that this was a good time, good as any, to display the firearms.

While all this uproar was going on, Ted Husing, broadcasting the fight, kept screaming into the mike and not adding much to the general knowledge as to what was going on.

Hayes and Kearns labored hard. But the rest did Walker little good. As a matter of fact, the recess was stretched to two minutes.

Out came the cocky Paul and the wabbly Mickey for the second round.

A right to the jaw sent Walker down again. He took nine. As he got up, Paul belted him down again, but he made the mistake of kicking Walker in the noggin. This appeared to act as a tonic. It stirred Mickey up.

As Walker draped himself over the ropes, Husing hollered into the mike that Mickey had been dropped six times, *"and fouled every time."* Mickey winked.

Walker gathered his wits and knocked Swiderski down. He did it again. And from then on, it was a slaughter, with Paul getting the whaling of his life.

Mickey could have stopped Paul, but he refused. He kept belting away, and all the while more and more fans were charging into the armory. The word had got around that one for the book was being slugged out.

Walker made up for those first two rounds. But the fact remains that in the first, Swiderski stopped the middleweight champion of the world, who but for the bit of skullduggery pulled by Hayes and Kearns would have been counted out.

It was a rank miscarriage of ring justice. But the matter never got to the Supreme Court. Swiderski had no public backing for the title that night in Louisville. The fans came to see Walker win and they resented Paul's interference with their expectations.

Walker's narrow escape from disaster received so much publicity that a return match with Swiderski was inevitable. Mickey was on something of a fight-a-month program then, and four months and four fights after the Louisville episode, he hooked up with the Syracusan again, this time at Dreamland Park in Newark. Swiderski didn't seem to have the ambition or determination he'd had in the Kentucky metropolis, and spent too much time trying to stay out of range of Walker's big guns. The result was a slow, boring affair, with Mickey an easy winner in ten rounds.

It was in June, 1931, that Walker gave up the middleweight laurels to compete against heavier rivals. He did very well for a while—his outstanding performance was a 15-round draw with Jack Sharkey at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn—but the wear and tear of his long, active career eventually caught up to him, and he was stopped by Max Schmeling in eight rounds in Long Island City on September 26, 1932. The following year, on November 3, 1933, in New York, he was beaten by Maxie Rosenbloom in his bid for the light-heavyweight title. He called it a career after the German visitor, Eric Seelig, stopped him in New York on November 29, 1935.

ROBERT CLEROUX

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ring, but somehow failed to stow him away. Stepping up the pace in the second round, Bob lashed and smashed Carter with larruping lefts and ripping rights—ending the squabble.

"Funny thing about Bob," reports Bachman. *"He makes every effort to knock his rival cold in a hurry, then he complains the bout was too short—that the fans maybe didn't get their money's worth."*

For some time in the past Cleroux's nose had been giving him trouble: a belt on the beezer and that member would start gushing gore. He had the probascis reconstructed so that now a wallop on the schnoz merely makes Bob fight with increased fury.

The latter part of May, 1961, Cleroux again stiffened Roy Harris—this time in 4 rds.

An outdoor type man, the 200-pound fighter can cook and bake. *"Tres bien, but I do not expect to perform these chores after I marry my beautiful brunette fiancee, Suzanne Dubé,"* remarks Robert. *"She is petite and dainty — but also she is an expert homemaker."*

Asked if he drinks intoxicating liquor, Cleroux wags his head and says, *"No, never. I find more amusement in watching those who are drunk make fools of themselves. As I see it, boozing is a way of wasting money and also to ruin the health."*

Although Bob is a Catholic and a regular church-goer, he does not permit his religious tendencies to restrain him from aiming to demolish his ring rivals by wading into them with mayhem in his swinging fists. To him punishing a man is strictly business.

"An opponent to Cleroux, who is a former lumberjack," points out manager Bachman, *"is not much different than a tree he's slated to chop down. He goes about the job of cutting down a ring foe with the same cold and unemotional determination."*

"And though Floyd Patterson is his favorite boxer," explains Bachman, who knows his fighter well, *"Cleroux's admiration for the world heavyweight champion will in no way reduce Bob's effort to hack him down, should they ever fight, and relieve him of his title."*

The brawler likes all types of music, but prefers serious literature. Paradoxically, he cares very little to see boxing shows; he'd rather watch television programs, or go to the movies—or to a theatre. Like most outdoormen, Bob is an early riser—he likes to see the sun come up. He's not of a superstitious nature, rather of a thrifty nature. *"The money you save,"* he says, *"can sometimes save you."* He enjoys swimming, likes fishing—and to play the trumpet.

Cleroux dislikes being away from home too long; becomes homesick. Yet it bothers him not a whit to drive at a crazy rate of speed in his car. He calls driving 100 miles per hour crawling. *"Truly a contrary guy,"* Al wags his head. *"But I'll say this for him, he enjoys doing early morning roadwork and when he trains—he TRAINS!"*

Asked why blue and white are his favorite colors, Bob smiles, *"They are the colors of the French flag."* Then he adds: *"And I like red too—because the three make up the flag of the United States."*

He intends to operate a sportsmen's tavern when through boxing.

CALDWELL CRUSHES HALIMI

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left eye in the eighth and from then on dominated the action. Halimi gradually faded before Caldwell's blistering attack and was knocked down for an eight-count in the fifteenth and final round.

Caldwell sent Halimi reeling with a hefty left, then exploded a right as Halimi staggered. The Frenchman sprawled against the ring post. He was glassy eyed as he rose swaying on rubbery legs.

As Caldwell moved in for the kill, the Dutch Referee, Ben Bril stood protecting Halimi until the eight count was completed. Had Caldwell been permitted to fire away, he might have scored a knockout.

Caldwell started tearing into his opponent as early as the second round. In the sixth, Halimi caught his man with a powerful right that shook Johnny up. It was a good, tense battle that kept the large gathering on edge throughout.

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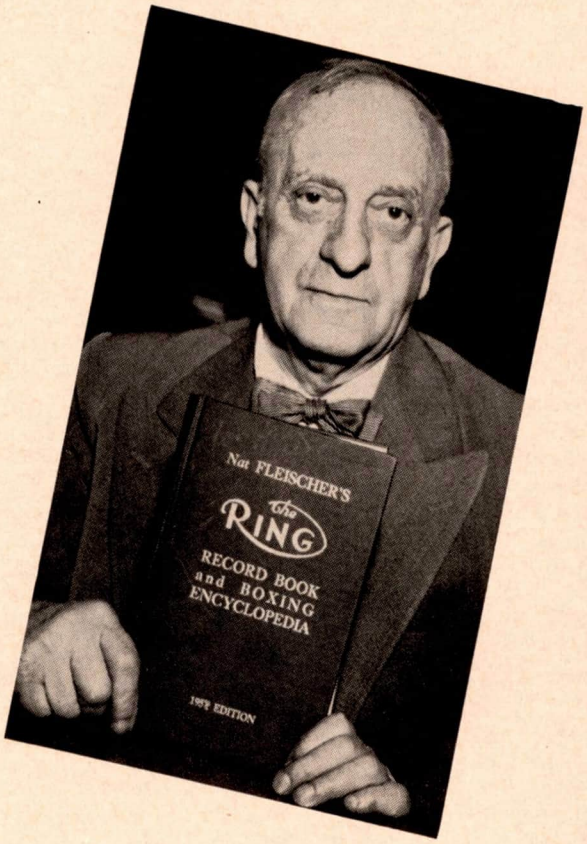

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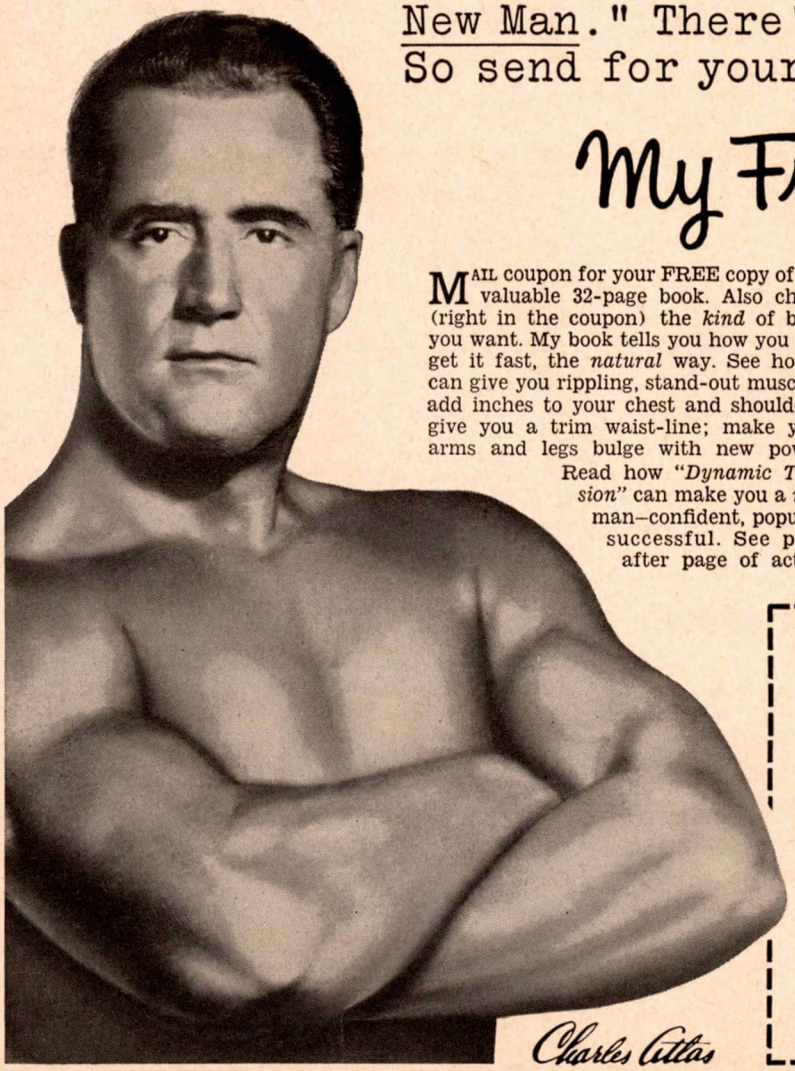

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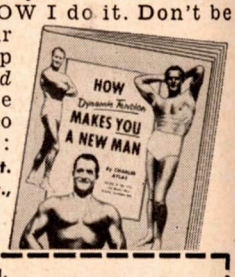

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